

2023 | Ontario Baseball Association



Annual General Meeting

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OBA

Saturday, November 18, 2023

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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BASEBALL ONTARIO

Saturday, November 18, 2023

BASEBALL ONTARIO ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) President's Report
- 3) Minutes:
 - a) 2022 Baseball Ontario Annual General Meeting Minutes
 - b) 2022 Select Division Annual General Meeting Minutes
 - c) 2022 Rep Division Annual General Meeting Minutes
- 4) Financial Statements
 - a) Review Engagement Report and Statements
 - b) Baseball Ontario Financial Statement
 - c) Appointment of Auditors
- 5) Reports:
 - a) BOM Reports
 - i) BOM Meeting Attendance
 - ii) Office Report
 - iii) Awards Report
 - iv) Baseball Canada Report
 - v) Coach & Player Development and High Performance Report
 - vi) Female Baseball Committee Report
 - vii) Grassroots Report
 - viii) Marketing Committee Report
 - ix) Safe Sport Report
 - x) Technology Report
 - xi) Umpires Report
 - b) Select Council Reports
 - i) Select Commissioner's Report
 - ii) Select Council Meeting Attendance
 - iii) Select Team Counts
 - iv) Select Player Counts
 - v) Select Provincial Champions
 - vi) Select Rules Report
 - c) Rep Council Reports
 - i) Rep Commissioner's Report
 - ii) Rep Council Meeting Attendance
 - iii) Rep Team Counts
 - iv) Rep Player Counts
 - v) Rep Provincial Champions
 - vi) Rep Rules Committee Report
- 6) Motions to Amend the Constitutions

- a) Baseball Ontario Amendments
- b) Select Division Amendments
- c) Rep Division Amendments
- 7) Election of Officers & Board
 - a) Select Council Elections
 - i) Select Council Commissioner
 - ii) Select Council Vice-Commissioner
 - iii) Select Council Directors
 - b) Baseball Ontario Elections
 - i) President
 - ii) 1st Vice-President
 - iii) 6 Directors – elected by Rep Members
 - iv) 2 Directors – elected by Select Members
 - c) Rep Council Elections
 - i) Rep Council Commissioner
 - ii) Rep Council Vice-Commissioner
 - iii) 6 Rep Council Directors
- 8) Annual General Meeting for 2024
- 9) General Business
- 10) Adjournment

NOTES:

Only Select Members vote for Items 3)b), 5)b), 6)b), 7)a) and 7)b)iv. Only Rep Members vote for items 3)c), 5)c), 6)c), 7)b)iii) and 7)c). On all other Items, both Select Members and Rep Members vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2023 was another successful season for Baseball Ontario! Once again, our group of dedicated volunteers and staff stepped up and responded to the needs of the organization with poise, thoughtfulness and determination.

In January we launched a new website and roster platform. Along with these tools we developed How-To documents and videos to help the membership with the transition to this user-friendly, dynamic new environment!

In the spring we launched a new registration platform for coaching clinics, automating the process for coaches looking to sign up for NCCP clinics. In addition, we added Certifications to OnDeck to assist coaches in tracking their own completion of certification requirements.

Also in the spring, we added 2023 Level 1 and 2 Umpire certification to OnDeck, with all self-directed eLearning modules housed on that platform, as well as in-person camp registration. We also adopted a new scheduling program for coach and umpire clinics to streamline the process for instructors, moderators and staff.

2023 saw the introduction of the first modules in the PCCP Program Suite with 9U. This program consists of a series of self-directed eLearning modules geared at specific skills at specific ages to assist grassroots coaches in their delivery of instruction to athletes. 11U and 13U modules will be rolled out in early 2024 for the upcoming season.

In February I resigned from the board of directors of Baseball Canada, and appointed David Huctwith to replace me. With the proposed changes coming from that group in order to meet federal legislation, I felt it important to ensure that there would be no conflict of interest for me representing member Ontario, while David maintains the fiduciary obligation to the Board of Baseball Canada.

The OBA Investment Committee was struck this year and recently commenced regular meetings to provide oversight to our investment portfolio. The committee, chaired by Dirk Driberg, includes Frank Fascia, (BOM) Peter Haynes (Managing Director, TD Securities) and Kevin Duggan (Senior Managing Director, Global Trading & Beta, Ontario Pension Plan). The committee will look to add 1 more member with similar experience and skill set. The committee will work closely with our Investment Manager at BMO to optimize our investments and make recommendations to the BOM regarding the management of the portfolio.

As you may recall, in the spring of 2022 we learned and shared with you changes to Directors and Officers coverage for the organization and member clubs. At our renewal in 2023 we were able to arrange with the insurer that Baseball Ontario could arrange for this coverage for our entire membership, eliminating the need for individual local and affiliated association applications for coverage.

As a direct result of some of the additional funding received from the government throughout the pandemic, Baseball Ontario continues to work with A&C Team to grow participation in baseball in Ontario, and work to grow the sponsorship program. Some of the exciting tasks we're working towards with A&C include rebranding, sponsorship expansion, and registration campaigns.

Once again I thank you for the opportunity to lead this amazing organization, and I look forward to helping to steer the ship as we enter into this exciting new phase of training, education, technology, participation and competition!

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Quinlan
President



Minutes

**2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 19, 2022
Guelph, Ontario**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ed Quinlan welcomed everyone and introduced Mary-Ann Smith as the Chairperson of the proceedings.

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Quinlan, and on behalf of the OBA welcomed everyone. Ms. Smith read the Baseball Ontario Land Acknowledgement.

President's Report

MOTION:

Moved By: Ed Quinlan, President, OBA Board

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, OBA Board

THAT the President's Report be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Moved By: Ed Quinlan, OBA Board

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, OBA Board

THAT the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Auditor's Report

MOTION:

Moved By: Rebecca Sauder, OBA Board

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, OBA Board

THAT the Auditor's Report be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Financial Statements

MOTION:

Moved By: Rebecca Sauder, OBA Board

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, OBA Board

THAT the Financial Statements be accepted as presented and discussed.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved By: Rebecca Sauder, OBA Board

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, OBA Board

THAT RLB Chartered Professional Accountants be appointed to perform a financial review of Baseball Ontario for fiscal 2023.

CARRIED

Board of Management Reports:

The following reports were reviewed and discussed:

- BOM Meeting Attendance
- Office Report
- Awards Report
- Baseball Canada Report
- Coach & Player Development and High Performance Report
- Female Baseball Report
- Grassroots Report
- Marketing Report
- Safe Sport Report
- Technology Report
- Umpires Report

MOTION:

Moved By: Frank Fascia, OBA Board

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, OBA Board

THAT the Board of Management Reports be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Motions to Amend the Constitution

OBA 1

1.04 A) v) i) BOARD OF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Moved By: Ed Quinlan, OBA Board

Seconded By: Rob Companion, OBA Board

Delete "Director of Operations" and replace with "Executive Director"

CARRIED

OBA 2

1.06 m) MEETINGS

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, OBA Board

Seconded By: Frank Fascia, OBA Board

WHEREAS COVID affected baseball operations in 2020, 2021 and 2022, including affecting the number of teams operated in each Division;

WHEREAS Section 1.06 m) provides for a voting point calculation which is intended to yield a result that gives voting weights that are in proportion to the relative size of each Division;

WHEREAS OBA has had a philosophy that COVID should not negatively affect the rights and obligations of its members and Divisions;

WHEREAS the voting points put in place for 2020 were to be recalculated for 2023;

IT IS MOVED THEREFORE, That effective immediately we suspend the adjustment of the voting rights found in section 1.06 m) until after the 2025 AGM so that for 2026 the voting points be calculated based on the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons.

CARRIED

OBA 3

Moved By: Frank Fascia, OBA Board

Seconded By: Rob Companion, OBA Board

Add a new Section 6 as follows to the Baseball Ontario Constitution:

Section 6: UMPIRES

- a. The OBA Umpire Supervisor shall determine annually the umpires to be certified with the OBA. The umpire is to pay a certification fee plus complete a certification process as determined by OBA and as outlined on the Baseball Ontario website. The website will be updated annually by February 1st with the requirements for that year.
- b. For all OBA Championships (Rep and Select), umpires must complete an umpire report, available on the Baseball Ontario website, to the OBA Office concerning ejections and protests. Reports must be completed for each game within 24 hours of the scheduled game.
- c. In tournament play (Rep and Select), it is the responsibility of the host to ensure that all umpires are certified by the OBA. If any umpire used in a tournament is found not to be certified, and games are played using the umpire, the game results shall stand, however, the host shall be fined \$250 for each incident and may be refused as host for any tournaments in the succeeding year.
- d. Umpire fees for play-offs, Provincial Championships (Rep and Select), in season tournaments (Rep and Select) and Rep Eliminations will be determined locally.

CARRIED

Election of Officers and Board

The Chairperson identified all those present who were eligible to vote. Ballot cards containing the names of those wishing to be considered for election, as identified by the nominating committee, were distributed.

The Chairperson asked for scrutineers to assist with the elections. The Chairperson then proceeded with the Elections.

President	Ed Quinlan	Stood
	Ray Merkley	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for Ed Quinlan for President.

Vice-President	Ray Merkley	Stood
	Brent Peltola	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for Ray Merkley for Vice President.

Director (6 positions)	Dirk Drieberg	Stood
	Aaron Dunlop	Stood
	Frank Fascia	Stood
	Cathy Lamarucciola	Stood
	Glenn Ostrosser	Stood
	Brent Peltola	Stood
	Justin Snively-Topping	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for Dirk Drieberg, Aaron Dunlop, Frank Fascia, Cathy Lamarucciola, Glenn Ostrosser and Brent Peltola.

The Chair identified 2 Select Directors to be nominated to the Board of Management of Baseball Ontario. The Chair cast one vote each for Barb Henry and Jim Koenigsberger for Select Directors to the Board of Management of Baseball Ontario.

General Business

Dirk Drieberg reported that the 2023 Best Ever Clinic will be back in person, and registration is now open! Local group rates with or without NCCP clinics are available, as well as a discounted rate for players.

The Chair advised that the 2023 AGM will take place in Guelph November 17-19.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved By: Rob Companion, Rep Council

Seconded By: Cathy Lamarucciola, OBA Board

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 19, 2022

Guelph, Ontario

SELECT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES

Call to Order

Ed Quinlan welcomed everyone and introduced Mary-Ann Smith as the Chairperson of the proceedings.

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Quinlan, and on behalf of the OBA welcomed everyone. Ms. Smith read the Baseball Ontario Land Acknowledgement.

MINUTES OF 2021 SELECT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION:

Moved By: David Black, Select Council

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, Select Council

THAT the 2021 Select Annual General Meeting Minutes be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Select Council Reports:

The following reports were reviewed and discussed:

- Select Commissioner's Report
- Select Council Meeting Attendance
- Select Team Counts
- Select Player Counts
- Select Provincial Champions
- Select Rules Report

MOTION:

Moved By: David Black, Select Council

Seconded By: David Fuller, Select Council

THAT the Select Council Reports be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

MOTIONS TO AMMEND CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS OF THE SELECT DIVISION

MSBA 1

S1.02 e) f) SELECT MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

MOTION:

Moved By: David Huctwith, MSBA

Seconded By: Frank Fascia, Brampton

Delete all references to "July 1st" and replace with "June 30th"

CARRIED

MSBA 2

S1.06 b) AMENDMENTS

MOTION:

Moved By: David Huctwith, MSBA

Seconded By: Chris Kowalewski, Select Council

Add "Select Council or" at the beginning of the paragraph.

CARRIED

COBA 1

S1.11 SELECT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOTION:

Moved By: Jim Koenigsberger, Select Council

Seconded By: Frank Fascia, Brampton

Add a new S1.11 as follows:

S1.11 SELECT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. Depending upon the number of entrants, the OBA shall offer for annual competition Select Provincial Championships at 9U, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U and 22U.
- b. At the discretion of Select Council, and depending upon the number of entrants, Select Provincial Championships may be segregated into separate championships between Designated Select teams and House League Select teams.
- c. Each recognized Select Loop with teams at a particular age category shall be awarded a minimum of one entry into the Select Provincial Championships at such age category. In the discretion of Select Council, Select Loops may be awarded multiple spots in the Select Provincial Championships.
- d. Where a Select team plays in a Select Loop, such a team may not be awarded a direct entry into a Select Provincial Championship. Instead, the Select Loop in which they play may be awarded multiple spots in the Select Provincial Championships.

- e. Select Provincial Championships shall be played in accordance with the Select Provincial Tournament Rules & Regulations published annually by Select Council.

AMENDMENT:

Moved By: David Huctwith, COBA Loop

Seconded By: Frank Fascia, Brampton

Add at the end of d):

Select teams participating in a Select Loop through interlock must qualify for Select Provincial Championships through their own regional requirements or play-offs.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT:

Moved By: David Huctwith, COBA Loop

Seconded By: Jeff Hoffman, ICBA Loop

Add a new e), relettering the remainder:

Host teams and non-loop teams are not subject to S1.11 d).

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION: AS AMENDED

CARRIED

ELECTIONS

The Chair identified all those present eligible to vote.

Commissioner	David Black	Stood
	Dirk Drieberg	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for David Black for Commissioner.

Vice-Commissioner	Patrick McConnell	Declined with thanks
	Barb Henry	Declined with thanks
	Jim Koenisberger	Stood
	Cathy Lamarucciola	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for Jim Koenisberger for Vice-Commissioner.

Select Council Members:

Returning for 2nd year of 2 year term:

Barb Henry
Vito Signorile
Justin Snively-Topping

There are 2 vacancies for directors in this category, as Jim Koenisberger is now Vice Commissioner and subject to annual election, and Chris Kowalewski has indicated he will not return for his 2nd year.

Editor's Note: The Select Council, in their subsequent meeting, appointed Annette Hoggarth and David Fuller to 1 year terms to fill the 2 open spots.

Nominations were taken from the floor. Nominees for 2 year term (5 to be elected):

Director	John Clement	Stood
	Jeff Hoffman	Stood
	Steve Koziel	Stood
	Scott Manson	Stood
	Patrick McConnell	Stood
	Ryan Morrison	Stood
	Randy Reid	Stood

Ballots were distributed. A vote was taken, ballots were collected and counted. Jeff Hoffman, Steve Koziel, Scott Manson, Patrick McConnell and Randy Reid were elected as Select Council Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Moved By: David Black, Select Council

Seconded By: Patrick McConnell, Select Council

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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MINUTES

Call to Order

Ed Quinlan welcomed everyone and introduced Mary-Ann Smith as the Chairperson of the proceedings.

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Quinlan, and on behalf of the OBA welcomed everyone. Ms. Smith read the Baseball Ontario Land Acknowledgement.

Rep Council Annual General Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By: Dirk Driberg, Rep Council

THAT the Minutes of the 2021 Rep Council Annual General Meeting be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Rep Council Reports:

The following reports were reviewed and discussed:

- Rep Commissioner's Report
- Rep Council Meeting Attendance
- Rep Team Counts
- Rep Player Counts
- Rep Provincial Champions
- Rep Rules Report

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By: Dirk Driberg, Rep Council

THAT the Rep Council Reports be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Motions to Amend the Rep Constitution

RC2022-01

R1.03 a) REP COUNCIL STRUCTURE

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By: Vito Signorile, NCBA

Add a new R1.03(a), re-letter the remainder:

No participant may be disqualified from participating in the Rep Division for reason of race, religion, gender identity, or orientation.

CARRIED

RC2022-02

R1.03 c) and d) REP COUNCIL STRUCTURE

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By: Frank Fascia, Rep Council

Delete R1.03 c) and d) and replace with the following:

R1.03 c)

The members of the Rep Operational Committee shall consist of (1) the Rep Commissioner, (2) the Rep Vice Commissioner and (3) at least two, but as many as the Rep Commissioner considers appropriate, other members of Rep Council. The President and Vice President of OBA are considered ex-officio members of the Rep Operational Committee.

R1.03 d)

For a period of 2 years following the election of a new Rep Commissioner, the Immediate Past Rep Commissioner will be appointed as an additional member of the Rep Operational Committee. After the two year period, the Immediate Past Rep Commissioner may or may not be one of the persons appointed to the Rep Operational Committee pursuant to R1.03 c)(3).

CARRIED

RC2022-03

R2.04 REP PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT FEE

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By: David Fuller, Rep Council

Delete R2.04

CARRIED

RC2022-03

R2.04 REP PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT FEE

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By:

Delete "\$450" and "\$500" and replace with "\$550" and "\$600"

WITHDRAWN

RC2022-04

R5.01 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES

MOTION:

Moved By: Frank Fascia, Rep Council

Seconded By: Blair Hains, Rep Council

Delete k) and replace with the following:

Rep Council shall cause a Rep Rules Approval Meeting to be held prior to the end of February. The date, time and location of the Rep Rules Approval Meeting shall be announced by November 1st annually.

CARRIED

COBA 1

RP1.5 PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS/RELEASE/TRANSFER POLICY

MOTION:

Moved By: Frank Fascia, COBA

Seconded By: Chris Kowalewski, COBA

In RP1.5 e., **add** "14U, 15U, 16U, 18U" before "22U or Senior".

DEFEATED

MOTION:

Moved By: Ray Merkley, Rep Council

Seconded By: Rob Companion, Rep Council

Delete RP1.9 and replace with the following:

"RP1.9 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a. Each year, Local Associations will register their players and teams with OBA through an online registration platform in accordance with policies and procedures determined by OBA. OBA will publish such policies and procedures on its website. . By virtue of submitting a roster, the Local Association accepts responsibility for the authenticity of the information shown on the roster.
- b. The process may commence by a date determined by Rep Council, which will be no later than October 1st.
- c. Submitted rosters may be edited by Local Associations until June 30th.
- d. No changes to players on a roster may be made after June 30th without the consent of the OBA Rep Registrar.
- e. At a minimum, the information to be provided through such online registration system will include: name, date of birth, gender, address of residence (including postal code), telephone number and a valid email address.
- f. Affiliated Associations and OBA may review submitted rosters to ensure compliance with requirements of player registration and coach certification.
- g. Teams with rosters not meeting the requirements of player registration and coach certification are not eligible to participate in Rep Play-offs and/or Rep Elimination Tournaments.
- h. No player may participate in a Rep tournament or Rep Play-off without his/her name on a team roster."

AMENDMENT:

Moved By: David Huctwith, Rep Council

Seconded By: Ed Quinlan, Rep Council

Add to the end of f):

- f. Affiliated Associations and OBA may remove players and coaches not meeting requirements from rosters.

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION: as amended

CARRIED

RC2022-06

RP1.10 TEAM NUMBER

MOTION:

Moved By: Ray Merkley, Rep Council

Seconded By: Aaron Dunlop, Rep Council

Add after the first sentence: At 22U and above, the maximum roster size is 30 players. A maximum of 25 players can appear on a line-up card for any one game.

AMENDMENT:

Moved By: David Huctwith, Rep Council

Seconded By: Mark Rajsigl, SPBA

Remove “and above”

WITHDRAWN

AMENDMENT:

Moved By: David Huctwith, Rep Council

Seconded By: Mark Rajsigl, SPBA

Add, ‘Subject to approval by the Senior Advisory Committees’.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT:

Moved By: Dirk Drieberg, Rep Council

Seconded By: Jon Sylva, SPBA

Delete ‘any one game’ and replace with ‘per event’.

WITHDRAWN

MAIN MOTION: as amended

CARRIED

RC2022-07

RP1.14 ELITE BASEBALL LEAGUE OF ONTARIO

MOTION:

Moved By: Allyn Ward, Rep Council

Seconded By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Delete all references to July 1st and replace with June 30th.

CARRIED

RC2022-08

RP1.14 iii) d) ELITE BASEBALL LEAGUE OF ONTARIO

MOTION:

Moved By: Frank Fascia, Rep Council

Seconded By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Add a new d) and re-letter the remainder:

The EBLO Steering Committee is permitted to review and rule on requests for exceptions to the program policy as may be requested by a Local Association.

CARRIED

**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED REP RESOLUTION**

MOTION:

Moved By: David Huctwith, COBA

Seconded By: Chris Kowalewski, COBA

WHEREAS the Baseball Ontario Recognition Policy has been in place since July 24, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the landscape at 14U – 18U in Ontario has changed over the past 5 years;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of the Recognition Policy have not been reviewed by Baseball Ontario and reported on to the Baseball Ontario membership

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Baseball Ontario review its Recognition Policy prior to June 30, 2023;
2. Baseball Ontario provide its Affiliated Associations with the results of such review by June 30, 2023;
3. Based on the review, Baseball Ontario propose any recommended changes to its Recognition Policy to Rep Council prior to approving any recognitions for the 2024 season; and
4. If Baseball Ontario fails to comply with the requirements of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, then Baseball Ontario's Rep Council is not authorized to recognize any programs for the 2024 season, including under the existing Recognition Policy.

WITHDRAWN

Election of Council Directors

The Chairperson identified all those present who were eligible to vote.

Commissioner	Justin Snively-Topping	Stood
	Dirk Driberg	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for Justin Snively-Topping for Commissioner.

Vice-Commissioner	Dirk Driberg	Stood
	Glenn Ostrosser	Declined with thanks

The Chair cast one vote for Dirk Driberg for Vice-Commissioner.

Director (6 positions)	Rob Companion	Stood
	Dirk Driberg	Declined with thanks
	Aaron Dunlop	Stood
	Scott Ginson	Stood
	Blair Hains	Stood
	Glenn Ostrosser	Stood
	Allyn Ward	Stood

The Chair cast one vote each for Rob Companion, Aaron Dunlop, Scott Ginson, Blair Hains, Glenn Ostrosser and Allyn Ward for Rep Council Director.

MOTION:

Moved By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

Seconded By: Ray Merkley, Rep Council

That the electronic ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair announced that the Rep Rules Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2023 at the Preston Auditorium in Cambridge at 11:00am.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved By: Allyn Ward, Rep Council

Seconded By: Justin Snively-Topping, Rep Council

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Reports

Financials

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Ontario Baseball Association, Inc. (o/a Baseball Ontario)

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Ontario Baseball Association, Inc. (o/a Baseball Ontario) that comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2023 and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

Ontario Baseball Association, Inc. (o/a Baseball Ontario) is not registered with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to collect and remit Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), despite having several revenue sources on which HST is required be collected. The CRA has the ability to audit the association going back ten years and determine HST payable, as well as interest and penalties for the failure to file. As we are unable to accurately estimate the potential liability relating to this non-compliance, we are unable to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary with respect to revenues and expenditures, (deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures and cash flows from operations for the year ended September 30, 2023, current liabilities as at September 30, 2023, and net assets as at September 30, 2023 and October 1, 2022.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ontario Baseball Association, Inc. (o/a Baseball Ontario) as at September 30, 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Guelph, Ontario
November 14, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 400,304	\$ 607,047
Accounts receivable	231,485	205,267
Inventories (note 4)	1,517	23,648
Prepaid expenses	<u>98,698</u>	<u>50,414</u>
	732,004	886,376
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	518,046	540,524
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 5)	<u>41,777</u>	<u>37,957</u>
	<u>\$ 1,291,827</u>	<u>\$ 1,464,857</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 205,883	\$ 169,486
Government remittances payable	8,080	5,974
Deferred income	123,303	235,266
Current portion of long term debt (note 7)	<u>40,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	377,266	410,726
LONG TERM DEBT (note 7)	<u>0</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>377,266</u>	<u>450,726</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>914,561</u>	<u>1,014,131</u>
	<u>\$ 1,291,827</u>	<u>\$ 1,464,857</u>

See notes to the financial statements

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Program	\$ 862,474	\$ 718,254
Insurance	505,893	302,513
Teams	449,405	311,766
Grant	146,125	179,762
Events	101,160	65,862
Sponsorship	34,320	17,323
Investment income	25,662	49,964
Advertising	10,800	10,417
Miscellaneous	3,750	9,021
Donations	1,000	2,000
Government assistance	0	43,350
Unrealized loss on investments	(8,749)	(125,345)
	<u>2,131,840</u>	<u>1,584,887</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Teams	421,057	346,700
Insurance	404,124	235,716
Advertising and promotions	311,650	114,220
Wages and benefits	303,551	257,477
Program (note 6)	182,699	145,902
Events (note 6)	181,957	44,930
Subcontracting	111,105	81,335
Technology	70,242	43,705
Amortization	67,115	37,146
Memberships	43,822	46,326
Office	38,878	48,792
Board (note 6)	33,402	9,515
Bank charges	20,909	134
Occupancy	16,853	40,946
Professional fees	16,480	94,408
Bad debts	7,566	3,654
	<u>2,231,410</u>	<u>1,550,906</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES for the year	(99,570)	33,981
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>1,014,131</u>	<u>980,150</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 914,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,014,131</u>

See notes to the financial statements

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	2023	2022
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures for the year	\$ (99,570)	\$ 33,981
Items not requiring an outlay of cash		
Amortization	67,115	37,146
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	8,749	125,345
Loss/(gain) on sale of investments	<u>32,648</u>	<u>(11,153)</u>
	8,942	185,319
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(26,218)	(101,196)
Inventories	22,131	9,761
Prepaid expenses	(48,284)	15,506
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	36,397	143,343
Government remittances payable	2,106	1,266
Deferred income	<u>(111,963)</u>	<u>(50,804)</u>
	<u>(116,889)</u>	<u>203,195</u>
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to capital assets	(70,935)	(58,901)
Purchase of investments	(135,191)	(81,904)
Proceeds on disposal of investments	<u>116,272</u>	<u>67,838</u>
	<u>(89,854)</u>	<u>(72,967)</u>
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(206,743)	130,228
NET CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>607,047</u>	<u>476,819</u>
NET CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 400,304</u>	<u>\$ 607,047</u>

See notes to the financial statements

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Ontario Baseball Association, Inc. (o/a Baseball Ontario) is a not for profit organization incorporated under the laws of Ontario without share capital. Ontario Baseball Association, Inc. (o/a Baseball Ontario) is exempt from income tax. Its purpose is to provide Ontario youth with the opportunity to participate in baseball programs at all levels. The organization develops programs to improve skills, teamwork and sportsmanship along with promoting the mutual interests of its members and regulating championship play.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The organization's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Term deposits that the organization cannot use for current transactions because they are pledged as security are also excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

(b) INVENTORIES

Inventories for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value, with cost being determined on a weighted average cost basis. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less any applicable variable selling costs. Inventories distributed at no charge are measured at the lower of cost and replacement cost, with cost being determined on a weighted average cost basis.

(c) CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized on the basis of their estimated useful life using the following methods and rates:

Office equipment	- 5	years straight line basis
Computer hardware	- 3	years straight line basis
Computer software	- 3	years straight line basis
Mobile applications	- 2	years straight line basis

(d) USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant areas requiring management's estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts and the estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Measurement of financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for a related party transaction which is recorded at cost and measured using the carrying amount or exchange amount depending on the circumstances.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, unless otherwise noted below.

Investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

Cost in a related party transaction with no repayment terms is determined using the consideration transferred or received by the company in the transaction.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. If an impairment has occurred, the carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortized cost is reduced to the greater of the discounted future cash flows expected or the proceeds that could be realized from the sale of the financial asset. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net surplus. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net surplus.

Transaction costs

The organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

(f) REVENUE RECOGNITION

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Externally restricted contributions, comprised of Ministry of Tourism and Recreation grants are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Program and event revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the services are provided, the price is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured.

Teams revenue is recognized when the services are provided for tournaments, annual registration, and similar fees and collection is reasonably assured.

Insurance revenue is recognized in conjunction with the insurance expense as a flow through when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the services are provided, the price is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured.

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, credit, currency, liquidity, or other price risks arising from its financial instruments.

The extent of the organization's exposure to these risks did not change in 2023 compared to the previous period.

The organization does not have a significant exposure to any individual customer or counterpart.

Transacting in financial instruments exposes the organization to certain financial risks and uncertainties. These risks include:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial asset will cause a financial loss for the organization by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's credit risk is mainly related to accounts receivable. The organization provides credit to its members in the normal course of its operations.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to liquidity risk as a result of the long term investments. The organization controls liquidity risk by management of working capital, cash flows and the availability of borrowing facilities.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the organization's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Some of the organization's financial instruments expose it to this risk, which comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of the interest rates on the long term investments.

4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of:

	2023	2022
Promotional items	\$ 0	\$ 17,304
Program supplies	1,517	4,585
Event supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>1,759</u>
	<u>\$ 1,517</u>	<u>\$ 23,648</u>

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. (O/A BASEBALL ONTARIO)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2023	Net 2022
Office equipment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,654
Computer hardware	33,354	28,783	4,571	8,329
Computer software	113,512	113,427	85	3,393
Mobile applications	<u>265,242</u>	<u>228,121</u>	<u>37,121</u>	<u>23,581</u>
	<u>\$ 412,108</u>	<u>\$ 370,331</u>	<u>\$ 41,777</u>	<u>\$ 37,957</u>

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the organization had the following transactions with HQ Enterprises, a related company that is controlled by a member of the board. The organization followed its conflict of interest procedures in contracting with HQ Enterprises, including the exclusion of the board member from participating in the decision to use its services.

	2023	2022
Program expenses	10,057	1,300
Board expenses	7,959	283
Event expenses	396	20,440

7. LONG TERM DEBT

	2023	2022
Canada Emergency Business Account loan through BMO, interest-free with forgiveness of up to 33% if repaid by January 18, 2024	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>

The loan terms contain a forgivable portion if the balance is repaid in full by the maturity date above. The organization has the means and intends to repay the loan on or before the due date. Accordingly, the forgivable portion of \$10,000 was recognized as revenue as government assistance revenues in each of fiscal 2020 and 2021.

8. COMMITMENTS

The organization has an operating leases for the equipment. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2024	\$ 8,868
2025	8,868
2026	<u>2,217</u>
	<u>\$ 19,953</u>

9. CONTINGENCIES

Various lawsuits have been filed against the organization for incidents which arose in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the outcome of the lawsuits, now pending, will either be covered by insurance, or, if not so covered, will involve amounts that are unknown and cannot be reasonably estimated.

Profit/Loss
Baseball Ontario Overview
October 2022 through September 2023

	<u>Oct '22 - Sep 23</u>	<u>Oct '21 - Sep 22</u>
Income		
Total Board Income	1,574,286.20	1,072,488.83
Total Select Council Income	108,305.00	73,950.00
Total Rep Council Income	451,899.29	371,501.79
Total Income	2,134,490.49	1,517,940.62
Expense		
Total Board Expense	1,948,750.92	1,257,281.81
Total Select Council Expense	62,724.67	33,094.89
Total Rep Council Expenses	222,587.48	217,606.96
Total Expense	2,234,063.07	1,507,983.66
Net Income	-99,572.58	9,956.96

Profit/Loss
Baseball Ontario Overview
October 2022 through September 2023

	<u>Oct '22 - Sep 23</u>	<u>Oct '21 - Sep 22</u>
Income		
Board Income		
Total 4291 · Female Baseball	7,703.00	3,520.00
Total 4775 · Miscellaneous Income	1,750.00	1,900.00
Total 4240 · High Performance Income	50,430.00	56,295.00
Total 4171 · Sponsorship Income	34,320.00	5,323.14
Total 4444 · Periodic Board Income	20,413.59	-85,088.47
Total 4460 · Grassroots	0.00	4,000.00
4450 · Ministry Grant	146,124.96	179,762.26
Total 4230 · Umpiring Clinics	272,600.00	156,580.97
Total 4220 · Best Ever Clinic	79,885.40	57,808.00
4159 · Baseball Canada Meetings	900.00	0.00
Total 4155 · AGM Income	17,195.00	0.00
Total 4090 · Insurance	505,893.00	302,069.66
Total 4060 · Coaching Clinics	437,071.25	390,318.27
Total Board Income	1,574,286.20	1,072,488.83
Expense		
Board Expense		
Total 5465 · Female Baseball	29,600.29	18,135.18
Total 5340 · High Performance Group	66,906.56	36,028.35
Total 5291 · Awards	68,403.58	62,465.55
Total 5052 · Board Meetings	4,411.38	2,000.00
6999 · Miscellaneous (Board)	13,355.39	1,842.75
5190 · Executive Travel	680.04	0.00
Total 6980 · Writedown of Investments - P&L	3,000.77	-11,153.42
6570 · Presidents Budget	460.07	940.00
Total 6560 · Payroll Expenses	308,529.62	209,570.67
Total 5950 · Office Expenses	139,028.26	175,418.69
5770 · Administration Expense	0.00	55.00
5520 · Depreciation	50,447.43	6,058.85
5500 · Bad Debts	7,566.42	3,653.98
5265 · Marketing and Communications	311,650.00	113,900.00
Total 5260 · Insurance Expense	404,962.42	236,413.74
Total 5210 · Umpiring	120,869.79	51,202.87
Total 5130 · Baseball Canada Membership Fee	35,000.00	36,000.00
5105 · Subscriptions	6,906.59	6,675.88
5100 · Legal Fees	4,305.43	85,097.13
Total 5090 · Best Ever Coaching Clinic	112,827.09	35,894.59
Total 5040 · Coaching	154,910.10	150,702.31
Total 5020 · Grass Roots	4,296.27	9,883.72
5016 · SAGM Baseball Canada	12,034.97	0.00
Total 5015 · AGM-Expense	60,117.98	19,186.53
5010 · Bank Charges	20,909.47	133.94
5005 · Audit	7,571.00	7,175.50
Total Board Expense	1,948,750.92	1,257,281.81
Net Income	<u>-374,464.72</u>	<u>-184,792.98</u>

Profit/Loss
Baseball Ontario Overview
October 2022 through September 2023

	<u>Oct '22 - Sep 23</u>	<u>Oct '21 - Sep 22</u>
Select Council Income		
4141-3 · Select Division Pilot	4,805.00	2,400.00
4141 · Select Tournaments		
4141-2 · Select Prov DS Tournaments	25,500.00	24,000.00
4141-1 · Select Prov HL Tournaments	27,500.00	19,200.00
4141 · Select Tournaments - Other	2,150.00	2,250.00
Total 4141 · Select Tournaments	<u>55,150.00</u>	<u>45,450.00</u>
4051 · Select Membership Fee	<u>48,350.00</u>	<u>26,100.00</u>
Total Select Council Income	<u>108,305.00</u>	<u>73,950.00</u>
Select Council Expense		
5159 · Select Division Pilot Exp	3,362.25	3,647.09
5285 · Miscellaneous (Select)	75.00	0.00
5153 · Select Tournaments Expense	58,605.12	26,914.78
5155 · Select Council Meetings	682.30	2,533.02
Total Select Council Expense	<u>62,724.67</u>	<u>33,094.89</u>
Net Income	<u><u>45,580.33</u></u>	<u><u>40,855.11</u></u>

Profit/Loss
Baseball Ontario Overview
October 2022 through September 2023

	<u>Oct '22 - Sep 23</u>	<u>Oct '21 - Sep 22</u>
Rep Council Income		
4680 · Recognition Annual Team Fees	5,000.00	2,300.00
4670 · Recognition Acceptance Fee	0.00	2,000.00
Elite Division Income		
4052 · Elite Division Marketing Fee	10,800.00	10,416.79
4142 · Elite Division Tournaments	40,700.00	33,550.00
Total Elite Division Income	<u>51,500.00</u>	<u>43,966.79</u>
4260 · ON/CAN Summer Games	-0.71	30,360.00
4140 · Rep Tournaments	32,800.00	31,200.00
4080 · Fines	500.00	5,075.00
4070 · Elimination Tournaments		
4073 · National Champ Travel	78,450.00	60,300.00
4071 · OBA	19,050.00	12,900.00
4072 · Host	78,450.00	63,000.00
4074 · Late Fee	1,000.00	600.00
Total 4070 · Elimination Tournaments	<u>176,950.00</u>	<u>136,800.00</u>
4040 · Approved Baseballs	2,300.00	2,800.00
4050 · Provincial Registration Fee	182,850.00	117,000.00
Total Rep Council Income	<u>451,899.29</u>	<u>371,501.79</u>
Rep Council Expenses		
5060 · Eliminations/Nationals		
5650 · Hosting Expense	9,000.00	9,000.00
5335 · Elimination Hosts	78,450.00	63,000.00
5381 · Chef de Mission Expenses	15,390.01	15,490.02
5380 · National Champ Travel Expense	80,450.00	61,223.76
Total 5060 · Eliminations/Nationals	<u>183,290.01</u>	<u>148,713.78</u>
Elite Division Expenses		
5332 · Elite Division Misc Expense	44.20	0.00
5331 · Elite Tournament Expense	34,914.59	31,441.51
Total Elite Division Expenses	<u>34,958.79</u>	<u>31,441.51</u>
5050 · Rep Council Meetings	821.42	0.00
5330 · Rep Tournaments Expense	3,517.26	8,286.25
5365 · Ontario Summer Games Expense	0.00	29,165.42
Total Rep Council Expenses	<u>222,587.48</u>	<u>217,606.96</u>
Net Income	<u>229,311.81</u>	<u>153,894.83</u>



Reports

Board of Management

2022-2023 Management Board Attendance
(Present or Absent)

NAME:	Dec 8	Jan 19	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 6	Apr 20	May 18	Jun 15	Aug 17	Sep 21	Oct 19	Oct 21	Nov 5
Quinlan, Ed	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Black, David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Driberg, Dirk	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Dunlop, Aaron	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Fascia, Frank	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Henry, Barb	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Huctwith, David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Koenigsberger, Jim	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lamarucciola, Cathy	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Magalas, Samantha	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	P
Merkley, Ray	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Orton, Mark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ostrosser, Glenn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P	P	P
Peltola, Brent	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
Sauder, Rebecca	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Snively-Topping, Justin	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Wilhelm, Chris	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P

OFFICE REPORT

Another busy year in the Baseball Ontario office! We were excited to continue to make even better use of technology to support the membership by moving the website and player registration to a new platform and introducing coach and umpire clinic registration tools for participants and instructors!

- Coaching:
 - 415 NCCP Coaching Clinics
 - 281 Coach Evaluations
 - LF Training
 - Best Ever Coaches Clinic & Vendor Trade Show
 - Moderating Online Clinics
- Umpiring:
 - 130 Umpire Camps
 - 111 Level 1 and 2 Camps
 - 19 Level 3 Super Camps
 - Accelerated Clinic
 - Level 4/5 Clinic
 - Adult umpire volunteer screening monitoring and support
- Player Registration:
 - Central Registration system support and development
 - Setting up the online portal for registration
 - Rep and Select roster administration and local/affiliate support
- Grassroots Programs:
 - Rally Cap
 - Insurance
 - D&O Coverage
 - Safe Sport Initiatives
- Other Member Relations:
 - Female Players Clinics
 - EBLO administrative support
 - Awards Program (BOM, Rep, Select, HoF)
 - Virtual meetings and support for locals and affiliates
- Competition:
 - Ontario Youth Team Player Selection Program
 - Youth Team support for Canada Cup
 - 335 Net Sanctioned Tournaments (Rep, Select, Elite)
 - Rep Classification
 - 5 Elimination Tournaments plus 1 qualifier tournament
 - 9 National Championships
 - 55 Rep Provincial Championships
 - 10 Select Provincial Championships
- Board of Management and Councils:
 - Regular Executive Committee meetings
 - 13 Board of Management Meetings
 - 7 Rep Council Meetings
 - 12 Select Council Meetings
 - Business Planning support for departments
 - Baseball Ontario AGM
 - Rep and Select Rules Approval Meetings
 - Financial Review
 - New fiscal budget
- Baseball Canada:
 - Fall Convention
 - AGM
 - ED Meetings
 - Committee Meetings
- Ministry:
 - Grant Application and Reporting
 - Ministry meetings and conference calls
- Communications:
 - Corporate Partner Relations
 - Mobile App Implementation and support (Pocket Team, OnDeck, Pitch Count, Home Base)
 - Website Updates
 - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube) @BaseballOntario
 - Inside Pitch weekly e-communication
- Miscellaneous:
 - Recognition Program communication and tracking

On behalf of Kaira, Rita, Enza and Ryan, it has been a pleasure serving you in 2023, and we look forward to all that 2024 will have to offer!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary-Ann Smith
Executive Director

AWARDS REPORT

At the 2022 AGM Award Gala, we recognized the following members of Baseball Ontario:

Dick Willis Junior Umpire		Quinn Szilock	Coach 13U & Below		Marco Bianchi
Dick Willis Senior Umpire		Michael Grove	Coach 14U & Above		Ron Burke
Don Gilbert Umpire		James Liles	Select Coach		Scott Weldon
Rep Player 13U & Below		Clive O'Brien	Select Player 13U & Below		Carson Delaney
Rep Player 14U & Above		Darian Barnes	Select Player 14U & Above		Luca Prevedel
Rep Pitcher 13U & Below		Nicholas Zeleny	Select Pitcher 13U & Below		Evan Wells
Rep Pitcher 14U & Above		Joseph Baka			
Rep Team	Oakville A's 11U AAA Team		Select Team	Toronto Playgrounds 11U Select Blue	
Affiliated Association			COBA		
Don McKnight Memorial Awards for Affiliate Volunteer					
COBA		Scott Huntley	SCBA		Carrie Jo Long
ICBA		Cathy Lapar	TBA		Jessie Harrison
NCBA		David Niro	WOBA		Andrew Warwick
NDBA		Neil Alderton	YSBA		Peter Budziak
R. Jack Middlemasss Memorial Award for Provincial Volunteer		Bryan Howcroft, EOBA	Director		Rebecca Sauder
President's Award		2022 Youth Team Coaching Staff:	Provincial Award		Lisa Turbitt
		• David Quattrociocchi	Hall of Fame:		Harvey Bailie
		• Scott Robinson			Don Gilbert
		• Geoff Whent			Marc Picard
		• Frank Fascia			Gwen Turner
		• Perry Scott			
Service Awards:					
45 Years		Howard Birnie	30 Years		Randy Pickle
35 Years		Linda Lewis	25 Years		Chris Norton
30 Years		Dayle Legros	25 Years		Ted Williams

A special thank you to the Awards Selection Committee consisting of Howie Birnie, Barb Henry, Annette Hoggarth, Cathy Lamarucciola, Patrick McConnell, Glenn Ostrosser and Justin Snively-Topping.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Ann Smith

BASEBALL CANADA REPORT

On the Baseball Canada front, much of 2023 revolved around consideration of a new governance model and an update to the strategic plan which had been mentioned in last year's report. At the recent Board meetings in St. John's, NL at the Fall Convention, both the strategic plan and the new By-law were approved. The strategic plan identifies Baseball Canada's Vision as: Canada is a leading baseball nation. Baseball Canada's Mission to Win is (a) to strive for excellence in everything we do; (b) make baseball the sport choice for Canadians; (c) create an inclusive, safe, and welcoming sport system for all; and (d) enable optimal conditions for success at all levels. The plan outlines commitments for growth, development & performance and organizational excellence. The new By-law has been designed to bring Baseball Canada into compliance with the Canada Sport Governance Code, a requirement for continued Sport Canada funding. Once approved by the Baseball Canada membership, the Baseball Canada Board of Directors will be reshaped to a Board of 9 directors, with no provincial representation. The Board will be comprised of 7 independent directors and 2 directors (one male and one female) representing athletes. Baseball Ontario has identified issues with both the strategic plan and the new By-law; however, to date, our concerns have not been supported by the other provinces. We will continue to attempt to influence changes to the governance model that we see as being in the interests of all provinces, not just Ontario.

2023 was again a more normal year in terms of on-field activities. National championships ran at all age categories. Ontario was represented by the following teams, with the following results:

Baseball Canada Cup	Ontario Youth Team	Gold Medal
13U National	Riverside (Host)	Bronze Medal
	Whitby Canadians	4 th Place
15U Ray Carter Cup	Mississauga Majors	5 th Place
16U Female National	Team Ontario	Silver Medal
18U National	Mississauga North Tigers	Gold Medal
22U National	Ontario 2 (Guelph Silvercreeks)	Bronze Medal
	Ontario 1 (St. Thomas Tomcats)	6 th Place
Senior Men	Windsor Stars	9 th Place
21U Women's National	Team Ontario	Gold Medal
Senior Women National	Team Ontario	5 th Place
	Team Ontario 2	7 th Place

Woodstock hosted the 13U National Championship.

The Junior National Team did not qualify for the 18U WSBC World Championship, so a new cycle is beginning with a development camp in Dominican Republic this November.

The Men's National Team competed in June in a Pan Am Games qualifier in Buenos Aires. Despite a 3-1 record, the team was eliminated and did not qualify for the Pam Am Games. The WSBC and MLB/WBC are not aligned on competition schedules posing a challenge to Baseball Canada.

The Women's National Team competed in the Stage II qualifier in Thunder Bay in August finishing in second place and qualifying for the Final stage World Cup 2024, to be hosted again by Thunder Bay. Congratulations to the Women.

Baseball Ontario has continued its push for answers on perceived inequalities between the treatment of the male and female teams despite assurances from Baseball Canada. As of March 31st, 2023 Baseball Canada formally adopted the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and joined [Abuse-Free Sport](#), the independent program to prevent and address maltreatment in sport in Canada. For national and international level programming, Baseball Canada, and its national level stakeholders have access to the services of the [Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner \(OSIC\)](#), which is responsible for the administration of the UCCMS for Baseball Canada and serves as the central hub of Abuse-Free Sport. An independent third party has been retained by Baseball Canada to manage complaints and claims received.

The Executive Directors of the provinces met regularly throughout the year to review operational activities for the organization.

In the fall of 2022, Jean Boulais was elected as President and Mike Keating was elected as Vice-President. Ken Sharpe was re-elected as Treasurer. Their terms extend until the 2024 AGM. In February 2023, Ed Quinlan resigned from the Board of Baseball Canada and I was appointed by Board of Management as the Ontario director.

The following Baseball Ontario representatives are involved in Baseball Canada Committees:

Dirk Drieberg, Championship Committee

Mary-Ann Smith, Coaching Operations Committee

Mary-Ann Smith, Scorer's Committee

Chris Wilhelm, Communications Portfolio Lead, Umpires Committee

Respectfully submitted

David Huctwith

COACHING REPORT

2023 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	
2023	312	312		1,214	923	273	334	510	215	406	1,630	279	1,091	252	74	119	88	
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:

For 2023 Baseball Ontario implemented a change to 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 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.

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.

The current cycle for PD points ends December 31, 2025. 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.

Introduction of 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, and 11U and 13U will be offered for 2024.

Learning Facilitator and Evaluator Training:

Baseball Ontario held LF training in January of 2023, training 9 new Learning Facilitators. We planned to offer an Evaluator Training in September of 2023, but there was not enough interest.

We will look to run both training sessions again in early 2024.

We invite you to please continue to check the Baseball Ontario website periodically as we post the call for applications there. We would also announce it in our weekly Inside Pitch communication that goes out to various Baseball Ontario stakeholders.

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 2024 season.

Best Ever Clinic:

On behalf of Dirk Driberg, BEC Coordinator, I am pleased to share the following recap and update on the BEC:

At the Best Ever Clinic In January of 2023 Baseball Ontario's lineup of speakers included:

Darren Fenster	Brendan Eygabroat
Ross Seaton	Dan Heefner
Jaime Vieira	Seth Thibodeaux
Drew Bailey	Andre Lachance
Blake Beemer	

For the 6th year, we ran 8U – 13U Coach Series, which was very well received by attendees. It included presentations by David Quattrociocchi, Geoff Whent, Perry Scott, Scott Robinson, Sam Magalas, and Ashley Stephenson.

The Trade Show continues to be a popular part of this event, with all the Baseball Ontario sponsors and several exhibitors taking part!

The 2024 event promises to be just as exciting, with the following speakers confirmed:

Dan McDonnell	Aaron Gershenfeld
Nate Thompson	Tracey Hayes
Robin Lund	Tim DeJohn

With more to be announced! We are also bringing back our popular 8U-13U series featuring the gold medal winning Ontario Youth Team coaches!

We are excited to bring the 39th annual event to you live and in person! 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, registration is on now!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary-Ann Smith

FEMALE BASEBALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Players Clinics:

We ran 4 indoor female players clinics in the spring. Much thanks and appreciation to our hosts, Barrie Minor Baseball, St. Thomas Minor Baseball, Baseline Sports, and Burlington Organized Minor Baseball!

Barrie	March 25 th	25 participants
St. Thomas	April 1 st	12 participants
Toronto	April 15 th	13 participants
Burlington	April 30 th	25 participants

In addition, we ran 4 outdoor female players clinic in the fall. Much thanks and appreciation to our hosts, Brantford Minor Baseball, Welland Minor Baseball, South Ottawa LL, and Sudbury Minor Baseball!

Brantford	September 16 th	34 participants
Welland	September 16 th	37 participants
Ottawa	September 23 rd	59 participants
Sudbury	September 23 rd	17 participants

Nationals:

Baseball Ontario fielded 4 teams at the 3 national female events.

DIVISION	HOST	DATES	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
16U	Summerside, PE	August 24-27	QC	Ontario	AB
21U	St. John's NL	August 10-13	Ontario	QC	NS
WOMEN'S	Hammonds Plains, NS	July 27-30	QC	BC	AB

Thank you to our dedicated coaching staffs of the provincial teams led by Sean O'Brien and Joe Florio. These coaches have increased female representation on their respective coaching staffs. Brittany Chan and Ash Flemington were assistant coaches at this year's events.

Women's National Team:

Kate Psota was named to the coaching staff of the Women's National Team that competed at the Women's World Cup Qualifier held in Thunder Bay in August.

Mena Florio (Vaughan) and Emily Baxter (Oakville) were players named to the 2023 roster.

The team finished 2nd overall, earning a spot in the 2024 Women's World Cup, which will be hosted by Thunder Bay!

Lisa Turbitt, who is a member of the WBSC Baseball Umpiring Commission, was the Lead Umpire Supervisor at the Women's World Cup Qualifier. Congratulations Lisa!

In other baseball news, Ashley Stephenson was a member of the coaching staff of the 2023 Vancouver Canadians MiLB team, the Toronto Blue Jays High-A affiliate. The Canadians won the High-A Northwest League Championship this year.

Women Umpire's Mentorship Pathway

To Recruit and Retain female officials, we sent out a message in the Inside Pitch. It was an outreach to Baseball Ontario Female Umpires encouraging them to sign up to become part of the Baseball Ontario Women's Umpire Network. Over 20 women so far have signed up. Most of the umpires are Level 1 or Level 3. This information will guide mentoring opportunities and support based on their needs. In addition to the Women's Umpire Network several initiatives are taking place as a part of the Umpire's Committee.

Updates:

- Training Opportunity: invitees to National Clinic including pre-event meeting and post event debrief, on-field officiating, classroom clinic training sessions (Three Level 3 Women Umpires attended)
- Active Recruiting of umpires at OBA Girls Player Clinics (4 Fall Events)
- Partnership with Nova Scotia - Ongoing virtual monthly mentorship meetings (safe space to ask questions, instructional program: rules discussions, etc., connect with other women umpires) lead by Lisa Turbitt in partnership with Nova Scotia Supervisor of Umpires Joel Rogers (women from both provinces sent monthly invites, Ontario women that signed up for the Baseball Ontario Networking are now a part of the invitee list for these meetings)
- National Umpire Program Women's Development Tier (adding women umpires to National Umpire Program in the Development Tier), more intense National Umpire Training, umpire opportunities, and mentoring (help to ensure competency for greater umpire opportunities provincially, nationally, etc.)
- Possible Provincial Female Umpire Clinic
- Possible event officiated by female umpires

2024 Ontario Summer Games:

Female Baseball will make its return to the Ontario Summer Games in 2024, after a 10-year hiatus! Baseball Ontario will run a 6-team 16U Girls Affiliate all-star tournament.

Local & Affiliate Female Programming:

We want to help local and affiliated associations create programs specifically for female athletes. If a local association does not have enough female players to create a team/loop, we want to work with the affiliated association to bring those players together at a regional level for all-female competition.

It is important that we work together as a baseball community to create a pathway for female participants to become more engaged in other areas of the sport such as umpiring, coaching, and administration.

We also want to help develop content for coaches and umpires that specifically speaks to the needs of coaching and officiating for female participants.

If your association is ready to get started and you would like some help, please reach out to any member of the committee, all of whom are committed to helping you grow our game.

The committee members are:

Joe Florio, David Gilroy, Sean O'Brien, Kate Psota, Ashley Stephenson and Lisa Turbitt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary-Ann Smith

GRASSROOTS REPORT

WinterBall

For the 2023 season, Baseball Canada and MLB did not run the WinterBall Program as they decided to run Baseball5. Baseball Ontario had 70 remaining kits from 2022 that were delivered to all schools by January 15th 2023.

Baseball5

Baseball Ontario was provided with 90 Baseball5 kits from Baseball Canada for the 2023 season. Due to having WinterBall kits left over from 2022, Baseball Ontario did not send out any of the Baseball5 Kits. The change from the 100+ piece WinterBall kit to a 5-piece kit which includes a set of throwdown bases, a ball and instructions. Baseball Ontario will be distributing the kits in 2024.

Challenger Baseball

Challenger Baseball is a national program that provides an opportunity for children with cognitive or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participation in baseball at a level structured to their abilities.

On August 15th, Jays Care ran its National Jamboree for 2023. Baseball Ontario Staff did not attend this year as the event was only open to corporate volunteers. All Challenger programs ran accordingly for the 2023 season with a lot of opportunity for more Baseball Ontario support and involvement in 2024.

Rally Cap

In 2023, Baseball Canada and the Blue Jays partnered up for the second consecutive year to promote and fund Rally Cap. They offered the same Baseball Canada/Blue Jays Branded had they crested last season to all participants. There were also some minor changes to the Progress report from feedback from the provinces. In 202 there were 55 local associations that ran Rally Cap, 18 of those local associations were new to running rally cap. We were able to reach 7500+ players in 2023 which is a 50% increase from last year. There were also quite a few local associations that showed interest for 2023.

PHYSICAL LITERACY

There are 6 different stages with in the basic Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) framework: Awareness and First Involvement, Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train, Train to Train, Train to Compete, Train to Win, and Active for Life. Physical Literacy is the development of fundamental movement skills and then learning fundamental sports skills that permit a child to move and play confidently.

Developing physical literacy takes the combined efforts from everyone. To be in line with LTAD, programs to develop physical literacy need to be child/athlete centered, parent driven and Club supported. Physical Literacy is developed in the first four stages of LTAD, Awareness and First Involvement, Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train.

Information on LTAD and Physical Literacy can be found by going to:

<http://canadiansportforlife.ca/> <http://www.physicalliteracy.ca/>

Respectfully submitted,

Kaira Bates

MARKETING REPORT

2023 Partners:

B45 BASEBALL

Baseball Ontario entered into a gold sponsorship agreement with B45 Baseball that runs through 2025! B45 is the official wood bat of the Baseball Ontario Youth Team!

HOME RUN SPORTS

Home Run Sports is the official supplier for Umpires in the province, and an official retailer of Baseball Ontario!

NOTHERS

Nothers is Baseball Ontario's official Recognition Awards Supplier. The awards at the Baseball Ontario's Awards Dinner and the Baseball Ontario's Provincial Championships come from Nothers.

RAWLINGS

Rawlings continues to be a Gold Partner and is Baseball Ontario's official baseball and exclusive baseball for the Baseball Ontario Eliminations. As Baseball Ontario's official baseball, we encourage all associations to use a Rawlings baseball in their tournaments. Rawlings is providing recognition awards at the Baseball Ontario Awards Dinner to Baseball Ontario award winners.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

The Toronto Blue Jays continue to be strong supporters of Baseball Ontario programs. They have become the title sponsor for the Baseball Canada Rally Cap program, and with that comes funding to assist in program delivery at the provincial level.

A&C Team

Baseball Ontario continues to work with A&C Team on various marketing initiatives for the organization including:

- Brand Awareness
- Growth Campaign (creative development, production and activation)
- Sponsorship

A special thank you to Dirk Drieberg, who is an invaluable member of the Marketing Committee.

Yours in Baseball,

Mark Orton
Marketing Chair

ONCA COMMITTEE

The committee was asked to review the corporation's existing Constitutions and propose changes that would ensure compliance with the Ontario *Not-For-Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA), which came into force on October 19, 2021. All not-for-profit Ontario sport organizations need to be compliant with ONCA by October 19, 2024.

Over the past six months, the ONCA Committee has worked diligently to fulfill its tasks and prepare the ONCA package that is presented to the membership at this AGM.

To ensure ONCA compliance, the committee consulted with Steve Indig, a Sport Lawyer and Partner at Sport Law. Steve recommended some other strategic changes that align with good governance. Many of the issues raised were resolved by changing the language and/or moving content out of the By-laws into other policies and procedures.

The ONCA committee took the following approach:

- Ensure the By-laws comply with ONCA
- Create a new OBA Procedures and Playing Rules document that includes topics common to both the Rep and Select divisions (e.g., safe sport, discipline, coaching, umpiring)
- Create Rep and Select Procedures and Playing Rules documents that include topics that are not common to both divisions, nor are they required to be in the Corporation's By-laws
- Preserve the existing governance and voting structure, except as may be required by ONCA
- Recognize local associations as members of OBA that are required to follow established policies and procedures
- Apply ONCA amendment standards to other OBA governing documents for consistency

All members within a membership class must have the same privileges, so classes for Rep Members and Select Members were created to preserve the voting within those divisions (e.g., for Commissioners and Directors).

It was strongly recommended that we implement 3-year terms for Board members, to improve stability and reduce the potential for turnover of a majority of Board members in any given year. Under ONCA one person may be appointed for every three that are elected, so appointments have dropped from four to one.

A number of required provisions were added, including:

- Directors to provide written consent to hold office
- Discipline, removal of Directors and filling vacancies
- Electronic meetings
- Audit requirements and notice periods required in advance of the AGM
- Amendments to the By-laws

Since the Rep and Select Divisions are not the legal entities of the corporation, those Constitutions have evolved into Procedures and Playing Rules documents, which will still be approved by the members of those divisions as they are now. The ONCA Committee did not look at changing any of the baseball-related procedures or rules.

I would like to thank the committee members for their time and dedication to this project: Mary-Ann Smith, Ray Merkley, David Huctwith and Ed Quinlan.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Sauder

SAFE SPORT REPORT

Rowan's Law

Under Rowan's Law, all Baseball Ontario participants must familiarize themselves with the Concussion Awareness Resources offered by the Province of Ontario. In order to comply with the government requirements, Baseball Ontario has previously implemented requirements for player, coach, parent and umpire education and acknowledgement, as well as Return to Sport protocols. Please see our website at <http://playoba.ca> Safe Sport Section, for Rowan's Law information and resources.

Policies and Protocols

Volunteer Screening

Baseball Ontario implemented a Background Check protocol including vulnerable sector search for all adults who are in a position of authority or trust relative to vulnerable individuals. This includes coaches, umpires, directors and volunteers of all Baseball Ontario's affiliated associations and local associations who seek coverage under the Baseball Ontario insurance program. The Safe Sport Committee is currently reviewing the policy for the 2024 season, including an "Ineligible to Participate" list.

Dispute Resolution

The Safe Sport Committee is working to develop a Standard of Compliance policy for locals and affiliates to assist them with complaints of harassment and abuse.

Weather Related Safety

In the Safe Sport section of our website you will find policies and resources on Severe Weather, Lightning Safety, Heat Related Illnesses, and Air Quality Index.

Insurance

In August, Baseball Ontario and Gallagher Insurance hosted a Town Hall to share information on Liability Sport Accident and D&O Coverage, as well as certificates of insurance. The video is available for viewing in the Safe Sport section of our website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Dunlop

2023 TECHNOLOGY REPORT

OnDeck:

The OnDeck app is the primary tool for connecting with athletes, coaches, officials and parents. It allows the OBA to deliver resources on iOS, Android and the web. Visit the app often to keep up to date with our Return to Sport Protocols, Arm Care, Coaching Centre, Umpire zone, and Resources. OnDeck is also the home for coaches to download practice plans from USA Baseball and Baseball Canada.

OnDeck continues to grow, as of the end of October, we have 33,359 subscribers which is an increase of 7500 over last year and over 105,000 unique visits this year. The most accessed page of OnDeck is the Rep Playing Rules section with almost 20,000 visits in 2023 followed by the Arm Care section and then the Select Rules section. The most frequently visited section is the Umpire Zone with 50,233 accesses in 2023.

This year, we added certifications in OnDeck and over 8,500 courses were taken on the platform in its first year.

Subscribers to OnDeck by Division:

- Rep Division – 5902 (+629)
- Not Identified – 1805 (+198)
- House league – 2706 (+268)
- Elite League – 989 (+75)
- Select Division – 1263 (+197)

Recent additions to OnDeck:

- Online Courses and Certification
- Sponsorship – in our first year of sponsorship, we trialed two sections and the sponsors received 37,604 impressions in 2023.

Pitch Count App:

In our second full season using the Pitch Count app 21,684 games and 4,584,188 pitches were logged using the app. We saw great success in tracking pitches in 2023 and as a result we had fewer incidents of arm care violations in 2023. For the second straight year, in every age category we saw an increase in pitches per player per game. Though the average number of pitches thrown is far below the maximum daily pitches, we will continue to monitor this trend.

PITCHES THROWN PER GAME, PER PITCHER

Age Group	2021	2022	2023	2023 +/- 2022
11U	37.1	39.3	40.2	+0.9
13U	40.7	42.1	43.6	+1.5
15U	45.4	45.5	46.7	+1.2
18U	48.4	50.8	51.6	+0.8
22U	47.9	51.2	52.0	+0.8

Though there were certainly some challenges, the work to improve the app continues and we hope to make it even easier to use for all in 2024.

New Start is in the process of upgrades to Pitch Count for 2024 which will include:

- Read-only Administrator access to the back-end console for tournament hosts, convenors, league administrators, Local and Affiliate Associations to view pitch counts.
- Reorganizing the games so that the game closest to today's date (or today's game) will show at the top and the oldest game will appear at the bottom.
- Ability for coaches to delete or edit games that have not yet been submitted to the opponent for approval.
- Push Notifications for coaches.
- Several other performance and administrative improvements.

Pocket Team:

With Pocket Team we can administer all OBA events, including the Best Ever Clinic, Summer Games, AGM, and Board and Council Meetings. This app is an ideal solution for scheduling, sharing resources and sending push notifications to group members.

The Inside Pitch:

We have been using Constant Contact to deliver our weekly newsletter, The Inside Pitch all year and we currently have over 26,000 subscribers, with an average open rate of 64%, which is 29% higher than industry average. Constant Contact has enabled us to provide our members with up-to-date information and stay in touch better than ever before.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Snively-Topping
Technology Chair

2023 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

The Umpire Committee was restructured in 2023 to add additional members and encourage greater role specialization. The Committee is comprised of 4 Program Leads (Chris Wilhelm, Ray Merkley, Lisa Turbitt and Stephen Gomes) with oversight responsibilities, and the following Initiative Leads:

- Level 1/2 Camp Program – Justin Van Horn
- Level 3 SuperCamps – Adam De Caire
- Accelerated Program – Blair Hains
- Elimination Support – Jim McMillan
- Clinician Development – Christopher Norton
- OUA Liaison and Assignor – Justin Snively-Topping
- Ongoing Education – James Liles
- Female Umpire Development – Lisa Turbitt (Program Lead)
- Baseball Canada Liaison – Ray Merkley (Program Lead)
- Level 4/5 Program – Stephen Gomes (Program Lead)
- Level 1/2 Online Program – Chris Wilhelm (Program Lead, Supervisor of Umpires)

Once again, many thanks to this dedicated group for continuing to be imaginative and innovative in your efforts to deliver umpire training and education!

Core Programs

Our Level 1-5 progression continues to be the fundamental basis of our umpire development program. Umpires complete two years of Level 1, three years of Level 2, and then graduate to Level 3. At that point, umpires may seek evaluation to enter the Level 4 program, and progress to Level 5 upon receiving a recommendation and successfully umpiring at a Major National Championship.

From the earliest entry point to the most experienced national umpire, this progression is dedicated to ongoing, level-appropriate development and growth for each individual umpire.

Level 1 and 2 Hybrid Learning Program

After 3 years of exclusively online training, we were pleased in 2023 to implement a new hybrid learning model for Level 1 and 2 umpires, combining in-person and online training. We believe this approach best combines the benefits of both learning models.

The in-person component consisted of 110 combined Level 1 and 2 Camps held across the province. Each camp was 4 hours in length, with 2 Baseball Ontario Umpire Clinicians instructing. Camps were entirely held in gym facilities in order to maximize activity and focus on practical drills and situations for umpires. Core competencies were reviewed that apply to both Level 1 and 2 umpires, with additional level-specific drills and practice also incorporated.

The online component consisted of umpires completing 2 hours of independent learning modules. These modules were differentiated by umpire level, and were accessed via ONDeck. Completion was tracked and made available to local UIC's.

For Level 1, we are very pleased that our Level 1 registration numbers have now returned to pre-COVID levels, and in fact exceeded the 2015-2019 average. In Level 1, umpires complete modules specific to whether they are first or second year Level 1 umpires, with both sets of modules are offered every year as shown below:

Level 1 – First Year Level 1 Umpires

- Getting Started
- Umpiring Fundamentals
- Working the Plate
- Moving on the Field
- Effective Game Control
- Basic Rules

Level 1- Second Year Level 1 Umpires

- Review of First Year
- Fair and Foul
- Catch or No-Catch?
- Overthrows
- Infield Fly
- Becoming a Good Umpire

For Level 2, umpires work through a three-year curriculum of online modules. In any given year, all Level 2 umpires complete the same set of modules and at the end of their three-year cycle all Level 2 umpires will have completed the full curriculum. It does not matter which year of the curriculum a Level 2 umpire enters the cycle.

For 2023, the Level 2 curriculum focused on rules related to The Offense with topics as shown below. 2024 will be The Defense year of the cycle, and 2025 will return to last year's The Umpire content.

Level 2 – The Offense

- The Batter
- Batter's Interference
- The Batter-Runner
- Batter-Runner Interference
- The Runners
- Runner Interference

Level 2 numbers continued to be significantly lower than pre-COVID averages. This is an expected dip due to very few graduating Level 1 umpires from the 2020-21 COVID years. With much higher Level 1 numbers in the past 2 years, we anticipate Level 2 numbers to rebound in 2024.

Level 3 SuperCamps

2023 saw our first in-person Level 3 SuperCamps since 2017, with a revised half-day format. The 19 SuperCamps were entirely held in gym or indoor field facilities, in order to maximize activity and authentic game situations. Each SuperCamp was instructed by a team of Senior and Master Course Conductors, and featured live pitching machine work for plate umpire practice, a drill field to simulate difficult game situations for umpires to practice (such as interference and obstruction situations), and simulated practice of the 3-umpire system.

In addition, Level 3 umpires completed two online Game Management seminars through ONDeck.

Almost 800 umpires completed both the SuperCamp and online seminar requirements, consistent with past Level 3 registration numbers.

We are now returning to our 3-year cycle of Level 3 training, with the next SuperCamp year planned to be 2026. In 2024, online certification and training opportunities will be provided.

Level 4 “Program of Excellence” National Program

Our first in-person Level 4/5 clinic since 2020 was held on September 16-17, 2023. This event incorporated 6 OUA live games on Saturday, with umpires rotating through innings. Umpires received detailed feedback on both plate and base work from a team of national supervisors. In addition, classroom and gym training sessions were held on Sunday morning.

Based on performance at provincial events, national assignments, and the Level 4/5 clinic weekend, national umpires are 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. Appropriate development opportunities within the national program are provided by each Tier Liaison, with national assignments based on performance and progression with the tier model.

New in 2023, we implemented a Mentorship Program within the Program of Excellence. Umpires in the Learning and Developing Tier were partnered with a mentor from the Mastery Tier. Mentors and mentees met both virtually and in-person over the season, with the goal being to best prepare mentees to meet and excel in both the on-field and off-field expectations of attending a National Championship. This program was well received this year by participants, and expansion is planned for 2024.

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 2023:

13U Atlantic

- Dayle Legros (Supervisor)

13U Western

- Jim McMillan (Lead Supervisor)

18U

- Chris Wilhelm (Lead Supervisor)
- Terry Doyle
- Chris Walters
- Allyn Ward

Senior Men

- Dale Hackett (Supervisor)
- Dean Oberle
- John Thompson, Jr.
- Matthew Tyler
- Justin Van Horn

13U

- Stephen Gomes (Lead Supervisor)
- Adam De Caire (Supervisor)
- David Margetts (Supervisor)
- James Deacon
- Preston Hughes
- Shawn Schaefer

22U

- Rob Companion (Lead Supervisor)
- Adel Agar
- Isaac Zywczo

Canada Cup

- Blair Hains (Lead Supervisor)
- Robert Stevenson (Supervisor)
- Chris Savaglio

15U

- Ben Mercier (Lead Supervisor)
- David Phillips (Supervisor)
- Corey Dalton (Supervisor)
- Don Geromette
- Mike Gouthro
- Jared Merkley

Senior Women

- Katrina Cadotte

Blue Jays Academy

Showcase Tournament

- Ben Mercier (Supervisor)
- Blair Hains
- Tosha Hains
- Justin Snively-Topping

We are also very proud of the prestigious International assignments filled by Ontario umpires this year:

- Chris Graham - umpire at the World Baseball Classic in Miami
- Scott Costello - umpire at the Pan Am Qualifier in Buenos Aires
- Keith McConkey – umpire at the WBSC U18 World Cup in Chinese Taipei
- Lisa Turbitt – Lead Supervisor at the Women's World Cup Qualifier in Thunder Bay

Core Program Summary - Registered Umpires Over Time

	+/-	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Level 1	+301	3,180	2,879	1,834	1,546	3,558	3,507	3,016	2,585	2,122	2,050	2,194	2,131	1,975
Level 2	-222	918	1,140	1,351	1,253	1,597	1,420	1,203	1,243	1,195	1,202	1,188	1,149	1,078
Level 3	-39	798	837	838	733	871	783	890	780	808	836	758	687	670
Level 4/5	--	71	71	67	68	66	68	66	56	59	56	55	60	66
Totals:	+40	4,967	4,927	4,090	3,600	6,092	5,778	5,175	4,664	4,184	4,144	4,195	4,027	3,789

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 is distributed to more than 25,000 members each week! Special umpire news and information is shared broadly through this information vehicle.

Website

Our website continues to be our main source for updates and information for the Umpires Program. Visit us at baseballontario.com/umpires often for the latest program information!

Social Media

The Umpires Program has its own channels: Instagram ([baseballontarioumpires](https://www.instagram.com/baseballontarioumpires)), Facebook (@OBAUmpires) and Twitter (@OBAUmpires), where we let you know of upcoming events, good new stories and program developments. Join our nearly 4,000 followers for the scoop on all things umpiring in Ontario! We also post some items of general interest on the main Baseball Ontario social media channels.

OnDeck

For 2023, we continued to expand the umpire resources available in the Baseball Ontario OnDeck mobile app. In the Umpire Zone in the app you will now find our Umpire VLOGs, Positioning Manuals, Rule Summaries, an Incident Reporting Form, and more!

Ongoing Education and Training Opportunities

We continue to be committed to providing ongoing education and development opportunities for umpires at all levels. Key opportunities in 2023 were:

Make the Right Call

In 2023, our "Make the Right Call" initiative continued to be delivered via a series of live, virtual sessions that each featured a different umpiring topic, including FUNDamentals of Umpiring, The Pitcher, The Runners, and 3-Umpire System. These sessions were recorded and are available for viewing at <https://www.umpireoba.ca/>

Accelerated Clinic

2023 was the third year of our Accelerated Umpires Program. 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 virtual sessions totaled over 12 hours of training through February and March, incorporating all the key learning objectives of the regular 5-year Level 1 and 2 program in a condensed, accelerated format geared to adult learners. This was followed by an in-person, on-field day combining drills and live games. Over 50 new Level 2 adult umpires were certified through this program in 2023, bringing our 3-year total to 118. This has been a great way to encourage adults to try umpiring!

Level 3 Evaluation Day

In September 2023, we offered an opportunity for Level 3 umpires to receive feedback and evaluations from a team of our most experienced Master and Senior Course Conductors. Over 60 Level 3 umpires applied for the 20 available spots. Umpires who were unable to be selected will be provided with similar opportunities in 2024. Umpiring live games, each selected umpire was provided with detailed feedback for continued development. The umpire participants were all extremely positive and open to the feedback provided, and commented that they found the experience very worthwhile.

As an outcome of the event, 2 new umpires will be invited to attend the 2024 Level 4 clinic, and will join the Development Tier of our Level 4/5 Program of Excellence.

Game Management Seminars

New in 2023, we piloted a series of mid-season Game Management seminars in three local associations. These half day sessions were led by a Master Course Conductor, and featured in depth discussion, role-play, and video analysis designed to support umpires in dealing with challenging game situations. The seminars were open for umpires of any level to attend, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive from both the umpires and local UIC of the pilot centres. We intend to expand this program more widely in 2024.

Female Umpire Mentorship Program

Developing female umpires remains an important goal of the Umpire Program. This year, a group of female umpires attended monthly online seminars led by Lisa Turbitt, with the goal of expanding networking and opportunities for those umpires, as well as discussing strategies for development.

Two of the participants were selected to attend the Baseball Canada 16U Invitational tournament held in Summerside, PEI in August. At that event, umpires attended a camp day with extensive drills and practice of game situations, and then umpired tournament games over the weekend with detailed feedback from Baseball Canada supervisors.

In addition, three Level 3 members of the Female Mentorship program were invited to attend and fully participate in our Level 4/5 weekend held in September.

Provincial Eliminations

Once again, the Baseball Ontario Umpires Committee supported 2023 Elimination Tournaments by providing an Assignor and Committee Liaison to each Elimination Tournament. The Assignor and Liaison for each event collaborated to ensure the events were umpired by the best, most highly qualified umpire crews available. Assignors coordinated umpire scheduling for each Elimination, while the Committee Liaison provided feedback to umpires at each event, as well as communicating to the Umpire Committee regarding the overall event and umpire performance at each Elimination.

Where required, we also centrally coordinated umpire travel and accommodations to ensure that all Elimination 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.

Course Conductor Program

We continue to have a committed and experienced group of Umpire Course Conductors (Clinicians). Many of our Clinicians assisted this year in preparing recorded instruction for our online Level 1 and 2 training modules, as well as leading our new Level 1/2 Umpire Camps across the province.

We also have an additional 5 Clinicians who have completed practical training and are now completing Baseball Canada requirements to become Senior Course Conductors in 2024.

As shown below, our Clinician program remains strong:

Clinician Level	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Emerging	10	11	11	12	6	8	8
Effective	33	35	35	36	26	27	28
Senior	12	12	12	13	15	15	19
Master	16	16	16	16	14	14	10
Total	71	74	74	77	61	64	65

OUA Partnership

The Baseball Ontario Umpire Committee is pleased to continue our relationship with the OUA, under the leadership of Justin Snively-Topping. Baseball Ontario 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.

As well, this partnership extended to our Level 4/5 Clinic, with OUA games comprising the on-field portion of that event.

We anticipate continuing this partnership with OUA in 2024.

Volunteer Screening

2023 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 Baseball Ontario umpire card 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 Baseball Ontario, 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

The success of OBA baseball depends on players, coaches, parents, executives, and umpires working in partnership. All roles are equally critical to the growth and success of our sport across the province. The Umpire Committee is committed to ensuring that the umpiring component of that critical partnership is as strong as possible, and we hope that through this report we have shared the dedication and passion that we bring to our role within the organization.

We thank all OBA stakeholders for a tremendous 2023 season, and for your passion and support of baseball in Ontario. We look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wilhelm
Supervisor of Umpires



Reports

Select Council

SELECT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting for the OBA Select Council concluding the 2023 playing season.

We were happy to see more activity than 2022 but we still felt some softness in houseleague participation which impacted our program for 2023. The baseball community still is recovering from Covid impacts. We still saw some instances of Covid, so we do need to remain vigilant about protecting our participants.

Select Division launched two new initiatives in 2022. For 2023, this provided more opportunity for teams and leagues to focus their participation to more similarly assembled rosters for Provincial Championships and some Sanctioned Tournaments. The Houseleague Select stream of play has still been impacted by softer houseleague registration but we anticipate that this will grow for 2024. Dedicated Select was similar to pre-Covid participation. We were very pleased to offer full 12 team Provincials in both streams for 9U through 15U and an 18U tournament with House League Select & Dedicated Select separately.

We also offered the 9U Houseleague Tournament for a second year at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and included a Challenger game on the second day of the tournament. This pilot will be continued for 2024 and we anticipate a growth in participation.

Sanctioned Tournament listings have rebuilt to 54 tournaments from 9U to 18U. Most tournaments this year were still blended with both streams participating. There were more exclusively House League Select Tournaments. For 2024, we anticipate a greater selection of specific Houseleague Select and Dedicated Select tournaments. Select also provides the opportunity for OBA Rep teams, classifying as A or lower, to participate in Select Division Sanctioned Tournaments. These are additional tournament opportunities for teams that might otherwise have limited access to tournament play and support the broader baseball community.

We appreciate the support of our members in sustaining the select values of inclusive, participative play. The continuing contributions of our council and volunteers all provided the foundation that helped create a strong season of play in the 2023 season.

We look forward to a great 2024 season. We will have the third year of segregated Houseleague Select and Dedicated Select tournament play and our third Houseleague Tournament. We are exploring ways to grow these programs for 2024. The Select Division is proud to be an active proponent of the new programs for coach and player development as well as continuing support for our Arm Care initiative.

I hope to see you on the diamonds.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Black
Select Commissioner

2023 Select Council Attendance

(Present or Absent)

NAME:	Jan 29	Feb 5	March 5	April 2	May 7	June 4	July 9	Aug 13	Sept 17	Oct 15	Oct 21
SELECT COUNCIL:											
Black, David	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Clement, John	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fuller, David	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Henry, Barb	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Hoffman, Jeff	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A
Hoggarth, Annette	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Koenigsberger, Jim	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Koziel, Steve	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Manson, Scott	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McConnell, Patrick	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P	A	A
Morrison, Ryan	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Reid, Randy	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
Signorile, Vito	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	A
Snively-Topping, Justin	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	P
ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERS:											
Williams, Ted	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:											
Merkley, Ray	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P
Quinlan, Ed	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	P
REP COUNCIL											
Drieberg, Dirk	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P

2023 SELECT TEAM REGISTRATION

Region	9U		11U		13U		15U		18U		22U		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ABA	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
COBA	6	3	10	7	11	11	10	6	3	2	0	0	40	29
EOBA	3	2	5	4	6	6	7	5	1	1	0	0	22	18
HDBA	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	6	8
ICBA	2	2	3	3	5	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	14	12
LDBA	3	1	8	6	8	6	7	5	0	1	0	0	26	19
NBBA	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
NCBA	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	7
NCOBA	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	1
NDBA	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	9	4
SCBA	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
SPBA	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	9	8
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	20	16	18	16	19	19	14	13	9	6	0	0	80	70
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	5
WOBA	1	1	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	4
YSBA	15	9	15	12	16	14	13	9	2	1	0	0	61	45
DIRECT/SELECT	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	8
TOTAL	59	39	71	61	80	75	64	51	22	15	0	0	296	241

2023 SELECT PLAYER REGISTRATION

Region	9U		11U		13U		15U		18U		22U		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ABA	13	12	13	12	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	39
COBA	85	41	152	95	167	143	167	80	46	25	0	0	617	384
EOBA	40	25	59	52	78	78	89	64	15	17	0	0	281	236
HDBA	19	15	0	15	44	32	43	31	22	31	0	0	128	124
ICBA	26	26	41	40	72	54	46	44	15	0	0	0	200	164
LDBA	38	17	104	79	103	77	92	63	0	15	0	0	337	251
NBBA	14	0	14	0	12	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	54	0
NCBA	32	14	16	25	25	25	14	23	0	0	0	0	87	87
NCOBA	0	0	15	11	34	0	17	0	29	0	0	0	95	11
NDBA	14	16	17	0	24	25	24	0	21	16	0	0	100	57
SCBA	14	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0
SPBA	22	0	24	0	24	0	23	0	15	0	0	0	108	0
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	294	231	255	223	284	257	187	182	129	81	0	0	1,149	974
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	0	0	14	38	29	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	43	64
WOBA	14	14	28	0	13	39	14	0	0	0	0	0	69	53
YSBA	204	113	206	157	222	193	153	118	30	12	0	0	815	593
DIRECT/SELECT	0	0	0	12	0	39	0	40	0	13	0	0	0	104
TOTAL	829	524	973	759	1,143	990	883	658	322	210	0	0	4,150	3,141

2023 SELECT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS & FINALISTS

SERIES	CHAMPIONS	FINALISTS	SERIES	CHAMPIONS	FINALISTS
9U DS	Sault Ste. Marie	Thornhill	13U HS	Bloordale	Flesherton
9U HS	Bloordale	Royal York	15U DS	Milton	Oakville
11U DS	Sault Ste. Marie	Mansfield	15U HS	Kawartha	Forest Glade
11U HS	East York	Annette	18U DS	Oakville	York
13U DS	Sault Ste. Marie	Mansfield	18U HS	East York	Forest Glade

SELECT RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

On Sunday January 29th, 2023 the Select Division for Baseball Ontario held its Annual Rules Approval Meeting. 28 proposals were considered, and 21 rule changes were passed, coming into effect for the 2023 season.

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

EBA2023-01 Housekeeping

All references to He or She or He/She be changed to an appropriate term that does not reflect gender. (they/them)

Select2023-01 House Keeping

DELETE all references to “July 1st” deadline for documents and certifications and replace with “June 30th”.

Select2023-02a

ADD: SP3 a (ii and iii)

- ii. Coaches that do not meet the coaching certification requirement by the June 30th roster cut-off will be removed from the roster and ineligible to coach. Coaches have until the start date of their Provincial Championship to certify and be re-added to 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 tournament, provincial championship qualifying game or tournament and the Provincial Championships. 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.
- iii. Penalty: If an ineligible coach (ie does not have the correct coaching certifications, is not currently on an approved roster or has been removed from a roster for any reason) is performing an on field or dugout coaching role, they will be immediately removed from the game. The incident is reported to OBA Select Council for disciplinary action which may include fines/suspension for the Local Association/Member.

Select2023-03 HOUSE KEEPING:

SP2 c (a)

- a) Teams must be from member associations that have both paid their membership by the June 30th deadline & that the association has also submitted rosters for all of their select teams by the same June 30th Only players listed on the June 30th roster are eligible for the Provincials Championship unless otherwise noted below under SP2 (d). Select Council may consider request for exceptions. Roster Exemption requests may be submitted to the Select Council for review no later than June 30th.

Select2023-04

ADD SP2 (d)

- d) At 18U only, a maximum of 3 15U call-ups will be eligible to play. 15U call-ups may not pitch for an 18U team during a Provincial Championship. All call ups must meet select player eligibility rules as outlined in SP2 Eligibility

Select2023-05

DELETE SP2 (f) and replace with

- f) To be eligible to compete in Sanctioned Tournaments, Provincial Qualifying Tournaments and Provincial Championships, 50% of the players on the roster must live in the Association's boundaries. If the roster does not meet this 50% rule an exception request may be filed with Baseball Ontario Select Council prior to the June 30 roster deadline. The request for an exception will be reviewed by the OBA Select Council

Select2023-06

ADD and RE-LETTER SP4 (a)

- a) Female players are defined as per Baseball Ontario's Equity, Diversity and Inclusionary policy.

Select2023-09a

REPLACE WITH SP 5.2 (r)

- r) For all Select sanctioned play, (including all games, Loop Games, Sanctioned tournaments, Provincial Championships, and provincial qualifying tournaments ie Loop championships or designated qualifying playdowns), the Home team is responsible for capturing the pitch count in the pitch count app in real-time (either pitch by pitch or at the end of each inning) during the game. Failure to complete this in real-time will result in the game being forfeited to the Away team. Should the game not be captured in real-time as a result of negligence and it is not realized until after the game, the game will not be forfeited but will result in a one-game suspension for the Head Coach. Exception: where cell service is weak or down and the tournament convenor gives permission, games may be entered post-game within 20 minutes following the end of the game.

Select2023-09b

ADD SP 5.2 (s) and RE-LETTER

- s) For tournament play, if a host chooses to do the pitch counts, the home team will not be penalized if the pitch count is not entered. A \$1000 fine will apply to the host

Select2023-09c

ADD NEW SP5.2 w)

- w) If a team has no pitchers eligible to pitch in that game, the game is over and the team forfeits. A final score of 7-0 will be applied and 7 defensive innings for the winning team.

Select2023-10

DELETE SP8.1 (d) REPLACE WITH SP8.1 (d) (i-v)

- i. A Protest Committee shall be established by the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor in consultation with the Select Council Operational Committee.
- ii. Protests based on umpires' judgment decisions will not be permitted. A protest based on an umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the umpire before the game resumes, and the opposing team must also be advised by the umpire before the game resumes.

- iii. Any protest once a game has started, that requires resolution, will be settled on the field at the time the problem occurs. Game delays due to protests do not invalidate the curfew rule (the clock keeps ticking).
- iv. Should the protest involve a decision by the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor, the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor will not be a member of the protest committee but will be afforded the opportunity to present information related to the protest.
- v. Before any protest is heard, the team will pay a \$75 cash protest fee. Should the protest be upheld, the fee will be refunded.

Select2023-11

Housekeeping DELETE text reference.

SP8.1 (f) Ejections: Each manager and head coach is responsible for the behaviour of all players, coaches, and spectators with their team. Should all present, roster listed coaches be ejected, the game will be forfeited.

Select2023-12

DELETE SP8.1 (l) and replace with REPLACE WITH SP8.1 (l)

- i. Substitutions are allowed at the end of an inning for a pitching change.
- ii. A defensive player may be substituted for the purpose of warming up to come into pitch. The player must assume the pitching position either during the inning of the substitution or at the start of the next defensive inning. NOTE: the player being substituted for and the player coming in will be considered to have played a complete inning towards requirements under SP3 (m).

Select2023-13

DELETE SP9 (b) and replace with

SP9 (b) A team's turn at bat in an inning will end after three outs have been recorded or four runs have been scored. The last inning will have an eight-run maximum. On any play where the last allowed run in an inning is as a result of the ball leaving the playing field and the awarding of home base (ie: home run, overthrow, etc) results in more than the maximum runs allowed in an inning scoring, all awarded runs will score; this only applies to dead ball awards.

Ex. 1: Runners on 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 2 outs. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a groundball to the shortstop, who overthrows first base. The ball goes out of play. Because this is the first play by an infielder, all runners get awarded 2 bases from the time of pitch. 2 runs score for a total of 5 for the inning.

Ex. 2: Runners on 2nd and 3rd. 2 outs. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a ball in the gap between outfielders. Despite the fact that two runs would have scored easily, because the ball stayed in play, the inning ends when the runner from 3rd touches the plate. 1 run scores on the play for a total of 4 runs for the inning.

Ex. 3: Runners on 2nd and 3rd. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a ball down the left field line which rolls past an out of play line. Ball is dead. This is a 2-base award, so 2 runs score on this play, with a total of 5 for the inning.

Select2023-13c

ADD NEW SP9 c) and RE-LETTER

SP9 c) A 10U/11U game ends when the time limit is reached, and a full inning has been completed. If the time limit passes during an inning, such inning will be the last inning however it will not be treated as the last inning for the purposes of the 8-run maximum rule. If a new inning is started within **15** minutes of the time limit, the umpire will declare that inning to be the last inning and the 8-run maximum will apply.

Select2023-15

HOUSE KEEPING Remove Text reference

SP10.3 (c) A forfeit under SP8.1 (b) or SP8.1 (f) or any other applicable forfeit will result in the following:

Select2023-17

DELETE 11.1 (c) and replace with

- i. If a batted ball hits the machine, pitching coach, or any apparatus within the pitching circle, the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base and all other runners will advance only if forced.
- ii. If a thrown ball hits the pitching machine, pitching coach, or any apparatus within the pitching circle, the ball is dead and bases will be awarded according dead ball overthrow rules.
- iii. At 9U, if a player enters the safety circle to retrieve a batted ball, the ball is dead and the batter-runner is awarded first base, all other runners will advance only if forced.
- iv. If a player enters the safety circle to retrieve a thrown ball, the ball is dead and overthrow base awards will apply.

Select2023-18

DELETE SP 11.2(m) and RE-LETTER

Select2023-19

DELETE SP11.2 (p) and replace with

SP11.2 (p) Until the ball is fed into the pitching machine, outfielders must position themselves at least 15 feet beyond the basepaths or on the outfield grass, whichever is closer.

The next Select Rules Meeting will take place in person in January, date and location to be announced. The rules to be considered will be published prior to the meeting date.



Reports

Rep Council

2023 REP COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Rep Division, the Vice Commissioner, and the Rep Councillors, I would like to offer my congratulations to all the Provincial, Elimination, and National Champions for a job well done representing your community and Province and you should be extremely proud of the success that you had on and off the field. This year was another strong year for Ontario teams at Baseball Canada's National Championships, bringing home five medals in 2023.

Baseball Canada Cup	Ontario Youth Team	Gold Medal
13U National	Riverside (Host)	Bronze Medal
	Whitby Canadians	4 th Place
15U Ray Carter Cup	Mississauga Majors	5 th Place
16U Female National	Team Ontario	Silver Medal
18U National	Mississauga North Tigers	Gold Medal
22U National	Ontario 2 (Guelph Silvercreeks)	Bronze Medal
	Ontario 1 (St. Thomas Tomcats)	6 th Place
Senior Men	Windsor Stars	9 th Place
21U Women's National	Team Ontario	Gold Medal
Senior Women National	Team Ontario	5 th Place
	Team Ontario 2	7 th Place

I had an opportunity to visit Woodstock in August to witness the outstanding job they did in hosting the 13U National Championship. Hosting a National is never an easy task but the atmosphere and environment that the Organizing Committee orchestrated will leave those young athletes with memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for all your hard work to ensure that the players, coaches, umpires, parents, and fans had a memorable experience and showing them all the hospitality that Woodstock and Ontario have to offer.

A big shout out to all our Elimination Tournament hosts. So much of our success at Nationals is a result of the hard work that the volunteers put in to run our Elimination tournaments. Thank you to all our hosts:

- 13U – Vaughan
- 15U – Mississauga Southwest
- 18U – Burlington
- 22U Qualifier – Kitchener
- 22U Final – London District
- Senior – Greater Windsor

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of all the tournament hosts and volunteers who dedicated their time and extraordinary effort to hosting the 58 Provincial Championships in August.

Thank you to the outstanding Rep Competition Committee lead by Chair Derek Brooks, Scott Ginson (9U), Rob Companion (11U), Glenn Ostrosser (13U), Allyn Ward (15U), Brent Peltola (18U), Aaron Dunlop (22U), and Dirk Driberg (Senior).

Thank you to Frank Fascia, Elite Chair and the EBLO Steering Committee, for guiding our Elite Division and maintaining close communication with the Elite Teams. Congratulations to our Elite League Champions: Whitby Canadians - 15U Champions, Whitby Canadians - 16U Champions, Cambridge Cubs – 17U Champions. Frank and the EBLO Steering Committee are already hard at work planning for next season and we look forward to an incredible season!

Our Technical Committee has one of the most difficult jobs in the OBA, and oftentimes this is a thankless job. I truly appreciate the countless hours that this committee spends in hearings, deliberating, investigating, and working toward the best possible solution for all parties in every case they hear. Thank you so much to Blair Hains and the volunteers who make up the Technical Committee.

Of course, where would we be without our incredibly talented Office Team?! Mary-Ann Smith, Enza Finnie, Kaira Ostrosser, Rita Dupon, and Ryan Harrison; your tireless efforts to make Rep Council and the OBA run smoothly and look good do not go unnoticed! We really appreciate your assistance and guidance.

A very big thank you for your guidance and wisdom to the Vice-Commissioner Dirk Driberg as well as the rest of the Rep Operational Committee, David Huctwith, Derek Brooks, Glenn Ostrosser, and Allyn Ward.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and all the dedicated volunteers who contributed their time, effort, and passion to make the 2023 baseball season a tremendous success. Your commitment to the game of baseball and your invaluable contributions have not gone unnoticed and I wanted to take a moment to convey my heartfelt thanks. As we gather at the Annual General Meeting to reflect on the 2023 baseball season and recognize the achievements of our award winners, we must remember that the unwavering dedication of our volunteers is what makes amateur baseball in Ontario a truly special experience.

This year proved yet again that the OBA is an agile and committed organization. I am so proud to serve as your Commissioner and I wish you a safe and happy off-season. Looking forward to 2024!

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Snively-Topping
Commissioner of Rep Baseball

2023 Rep Council Attendance

(P Present or A Absent)

NAME:	January 22	January 29	February 23	April 27	June 22	July 23	October 21
ELECTED OR APPOINTED DIRECTORS:							
Snively-Topping, Justin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Birnie, Howie	P	A	A	A	P	P	A
Brooks, Derek	P	A	A	A	P	P	P
Companion, Rob	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Driberg, Dirk	P	P	A	P	A	P	P
Dunlop, Aaron	P	P	A	P	P	A	P
Fascia, Frank	P	A	P	A	A	A	P
Flesher, Ben	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
Ginson, Scott	A	A	P	P	A	A	A
Hains, Blair	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Huctwith, David	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
Merkley, Ray	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ostrosser, Glenn	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Peltola, Brent	A	P	A	A	A	A	A
Quinlan, Ed	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Ward, Allyn	A	P	P	P	P	P	A
ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS:							
Lutton, Jim	A	A	P	A	A	A	A
Pickle, Randy	A	A	A	A	P	A	A
AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVES:							
Lebel, Mike (ABA)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Ryder, Kevin (COBA)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Denault, Todd (EOBA)	P	P	P	A	A	P	A
Brain, Howard (HDBA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Meggs, Randy (ICBA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cochrane, Steve (LDBA)	P	A	P	P	P	P	A
Norman, Don (NBBA)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Thompson, Craig (NCBA)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Pezacki, John (NCOPA)	P	A	A	P	A	P	P
Decito, John (NDBA)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Duwyn, Ric (SCBA)	P	P	P	A	A	A	P
Cozma, Todd (SPBA)	P	P	P	P	A	P	A
Dallaire, Jamie (TABA)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Fuller, David (TBA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Galbraith, Reg (TBBA)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Leonard, Rick (WCBA)	P	P	P	A	A	A	A
Hoggarth, Annette (WOBA)	A	P	A	A	P	P	P
Gibbons, Jamie (YSBA)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

2023 REP TEAM REGISTRATION

Affiliated Association	8U		9U		10U		11U		12U		13U GIRLS		13U		14U	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COBA	11	10	13	11	17	16	16	17	21	18	0	0	18	17	17	17
EOBA	9	7	12	10	14	10	13	15	15	15	0	0	16	15	15	14
HDDBA	1	1	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	0	0	4	3	3	4
ICBA	8	9	13	10	10	10	11	14	13	13	0	0	13	14	11	9
LDBA	4	5	6	6	7	5	7	6	6	6	0	0	6	8	7	5
NBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCBA	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
NCOBA	0	0	4	3	2	1	2	4	2	3	0	0	3	6	4	3
NDBA	4	2	7	5	4	5	7	4	2	4	0	0	7	3	2	3
SCBA	1	0	6	7	1	2	6	6	2	1	0	0	7	5	1	2
SPBA	8	5	11	9	8	8	9	10	10	10	0	0	11	8	6	8
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	7	6	8	9	15	12	13	14	16	16	0	0	16	17	20	17
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	3	2	9	9	2	2	10	8	2	2	0	0	7	7	2	2
WOBA	0	0	11	4	0	1	10	7	1	0	0	0	9	6	0	1
YSBA	11	11	15	12	18	16	16	17	18	20	0	0	22	22	24	22
DIRECT/OBA		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0
TOTAL	67	58	118	97	102	91	124	125	110	112	0	0	140	132	112	107

Affiliated Association	15U		16U GIRLS		16U		18U		22U		Women's		Senior		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ABA	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
COBA	18	17	0	0	14	16	21	21	10	9	0	0	6	6	182	175
EOBA	14	15	0	0	11	7	10	11	6	5	0	0	5	4	140	128
HDDBA	4	3	0	0	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	30	26
ICBA	12	11	0	0	6	6	13	15	5	5	0	0	1	1	116	117
LDBA	5	5	0	0	6	5	6	4	3	2	0	0	4	4	67	61
NBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCBA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5
NCOBA	3	3	0	0	2	3	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	28	32
NDBA	4	3	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	7	7	49	40
SCBA	5	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	3	4	35	34
SPBA	8	7	0	0	5	4	7	7	6	4	0	0	11	10	100	90
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	16	17	0	0	17	15	19	19	8	7	0	0	4	4	159	153
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	5	5	0	0	0	1	5	6	2	2	0	0	7	8	54	54
WOBA	10	8	0	0	0	0	7	4	2	3	0	0	4	4	54	38
YSBA	20	19	0	0	16	19	25	21	13	10	0	0	13	13	211	202
DIRECT/OBA		0		1	1	1	0		1	0	2	3		0	4	4
TOTAL	125	119	0	1	82	80	125	117	62	53	2	3	65	66	1,234	1,161

2023 REP PLAYER REGISTRATION

Affiliated Association	8U		9U		10U		11U		12U		13U GIRLS		13U		14U	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COBA	173	127	188	139	262	194	239	211	300	215	0	0	265	210	258	212
EOBA	114	91	153	126	169	126	159	183	185	191	0	0	195	182	192	181
HDBA	12	13	34	24	37	12	35	36	24	36	0	0	48	35	34	50
ICBA	99	112	158	126	121	124	134	172	165	165	0	0	164	180	148	118
LDBA	50	68	74	82	86	63	87	80	73	77	0	0	74	100	92	62
NBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCBA	0	0	0	0	13	25	13	0	0	12	0	0	15	12	0	0
NCOBA	0	0	61	37	31	12	30	49	29	38	0	0	44	73	57	37
NDBA	57	28	85	70	52	60	90	61	27	49	0	0	87	38	26	40
SCBA	12	0	83	95	12	23	80	80	25	12	0	0	99	68	13	24
SPBA	104	64	139	446	98	98	117	129	126	122	0	0	142	99	80	110
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	102	73	112	112	202	153	178	171	239	198	0	0	215	214	280	226
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	39	27	125	118	25	24	126	99	25	26	0	0	100	90	27	26
WOBA	0	0	142	54	0	12	137	101	0	0	0	0	127	85	0	10
YSBA	150	137	190	145	233	191	196	210	229	244	0	0	270	267	305	274
DIRECT/OBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	912	740	1,544	1,574	1,341	1,117	1,621	1,582	1,447	1,385	0	0	1,845	1,653	1,512	1,370

Affiliated Association	15U		16U GIRLS		16U		18U		22U		Women's		Senior		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ABA	13	12	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	28
COBA	270	227	0	0	241	226	370	341	231	187	0	0	138	142	2,935	2,431
EOBA	184	199	0	0	154	94	151	166	120	96	0	0	117	96	1,893	1,731
HDBA	52	36	0	0	26	28	56	44	30	24	0	0	0	0	388	338
ICBA	155	146	0	0	87	85	190	220	143	121	0	0	13	20	1,577	1,589
LDBA	70	72	0	0	77	62	91	62	67	48	0	0	91	94	932	870
NBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCBA	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	65
NCOBA	48	37	0	0	37	39	49	26	64	56	0	0	170	152	450	421
NDBA	49	41	0	0	31	27	28	15	28	22	0	0	170	152	730	603
SCBA	60	49	0	0	0	0	29	33	15	19	0	0	61	78	489	481
SPBA	119	98	0	0	74	61	105	116	124	89	0	0	245	217	1,473	1,649
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	226	230	0	0	238	205	311	291	120	158	0	0	96	96	2,319	2,127
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	81	67	0	0	0	14	78	91	41	36	0	0	171	194	838	812
WOBA	133	124	0	0	0	0	98	65	33	47	0	0	85	84	755	582
YSBA	250	239	0	0	207	246	352	189	232	54	0	0	302	309	2,916	2,505
DIRECT/OBA	0	0	19	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	41	0	0	45	55
TOTAL	1,710	1,593	19	14	1,172	1,087	1,924	1,675	1,248	957	26	41	1,489	1,499	17,810	16,287

REP COMPETITION REPORT

Sanctioned Tournaments:

In 2023 there were 335 Rep tournaments approved for 71 different host centres. Of those, 27 tournaments were ultimately cancelled.

The distribution of tournaments compared to the previous 10 active years is as follows:

Series	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
8U	8	8	10	10	11	12	14	16	6	14	15
9U	19	22	24	24	27	31	29	33	14	31	35
10U	18	21	24	27	26	29	33	32	15	29	29
11U	34	33	34	36	43	44	50	50	20	44	44
12U	18	20	20	23	25	29	26	30	16	30	31
13U	32	34	28	31	40	42	46	44	24	47	42
14U	18	17	18	22	22	24	24	27	11	26	25
15U	27	22	21	23	27	27	31	33	14	31	31
16U	11	12	13	9	11	15	15	15	5	19	18
18U	24	24	20	23	27	24	29	26	12	29	28
21U/22U	11	11	7	7	8	7	7	6	3	6	6
Senior	6	6	6	5	4	4	5	6		4	3
Women's/Girls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	226	230	225	240	271	288	309	318	140	310	307

Elimination Tournaments:

Baseball Ontario received 120 applications for the 5 Elimination Tournaments. The results are as follows:

Tournament	Champion	Score	Finalist	Score
13U	Whitby	6	Waterloo	4
15U	Mississauga Majors	5	Peterborough	4
18U	Mississauga North	8	Tecumseh	2
22U	St. Thomas	3	Guelph	2
Senior	Windsor Stars	6	Newmarket	0

Ontario sent 2 teams to the 22U Nationals in Stonewall, MB, and Woodstock hosted the 13U National Tournament.

National Tournaments:

Ontario was well represented at the National Tournaments. As the chart below indicates, we earned 5 medals in total, 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze.

DIVISION	HOST	DATES	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
13U	Woodstock, ON	August 24-27	QC 2	QC 1	BC
15U	Laval, QC	August 24-27	BC	QC	Host QC
16U	Summerside, PE	August 24-27	QC	Ontario	AB
17U - Canada Cup	Regina, SK	August 9-13	Ontario	BC	SK
18U	Fort McMurray, AB	August 17-20	Ontario	NB	QC
21U	St. John's NL	August 10-13	Ontario	QC	NS
22U	Stonewall, MB	August 3-6	MB	QC	Ontario 2
WOMEN'S	Hammonds Plains, NS	July 27-30	QC	BC	AB
SENIOR	Red Deer, AB	August 24-27	QC	SK	MB

2023 Canada Cup

Following up on a gold medal finish at the 2022 Canada Games, Ontario repeated as gold medal champions at the Canada Cup in Fort McMurray, AB. A special thank you and congratulations to Frank Fascia (GM), JG Larocque (Field Manager) and coaches Geoff Allen, Shawn Schaefer, and Perry Scott!

Team Ontario 17U Players:

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Mason	Ault	Owen	Ralph
Quinn	Carson	Brayden	Ricketts
Philip	Cheong	Josiah	Romeo
Ben	Goodacre	Keegan	Russell
Owen	Gregg	Adyn	Schell
John	Hughes	Dante	Smith
Will	Hynes	Ryan	Stalony
Benjamin	Kautto	Aiden	Taggart
Ethan	Morris	Alex	Uher
Ryan	Press	Steve	Waters

Provincial Rep Championship Tournaments:

SERIES	CHAMPIONS	FINALISTS	SERIES	CHAMPIONS	FINALISTS
8U AAA	Burlington	Kitchener	13U D	Kincardine	Lucan-Ilderton
8U AA	Cambridge	Caledon	14U AAA	Stouffville	Etobicoke
8U A	London West	Orangeville	14U AA	Sarnia	Markham
8U B	St. Thomas	Woodstock	14U A	Waterdown	Niagara Falls
9U AAA	Leaside	Whitby	14U B	Simcoe	Dorchester
9U AA	London West	Milton	15U AAA	Mississauga Majors	Peterborough
9U A	North London	Ancaster	15U AA	Mississauga Majors	Halton Hills
9U B	Stratford	Simcoe	15U A	Stratford	Ancaster
9U C	Beamsville	Listowel	15U B	Leamington	Tillsonburg
9U D	Caledonia	Saugeen Shores	15U C	Port Lambton	Waterdown
10U AAA	Etobicoke	Leaside	15U D	Woodslee	Lucan Ilderton
10U AA	Caledon	Waterdown	16U AAA	Mississauga North	West Toronto
10U A	Sarnia	Uxbridge	16U AA	Waterdown	Royal York
10U B	Woodstock	Stratford	16U A	Quinte	Lucan-Ilderton
11U AAA	North York	Milton	18U AAA	Barrie	Markham
11U AA	LaSalle	Burlington	18U AA	Thornhill	Burlington
11U A	London West	North London	18U A	Cambridge	Simcoe
11U B	Dorchester	Simcoe	18U B	Chatham	Wyoming
11U C	Listowel	Grimsby	18U C	Port Lambton	Kingsville
11U D	Saugeen Shores	Kingsville	18U D	No Tournament	No Tournament
12U AAA	Whitby	Vaughan	22U AAA	St. Thomas	Guelph
12U AA	Woodstock	Guelph	22U AA	Seaway	Whitby
12U A	Niagara Falls	London West	22U A	Mississauga Southwest	North London
12U B	Stratford	Tecumseh	22U B	Mitchell	Leamington
13U AAA	Vaughan	Whitby	Senior AAA	Windsor Stars	Newmarket
13U AA	Barrie	Northumberland	Senior AA	Kincardine	Whitby
13U A	Ancaster	LaSalle	Senior A	Beamsville	Woodslee
13U B	Chatham	St. Thomas	Senior B	Wyoming	Simcoe
13U C	Delaware	Listowel	Senior C	Port Lambton	Essex

The 2023 Competition Committee:

Dirk Driberg, Competition Advisor
David Huctwith, Senior Chair
Brent Peltola, 18U Chair
Glenn Ostrosser, 13U Chair
Annette Hoggarth, 9U Chair

Derek Brook, Overall Series Chair
Aaron Dunlop, 22U Chair
Allyn Ward, 15U Chair
Derek Brooks, 11U Chair

A special thank you to the Series Chairs and the office staff for their hard work in 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Brooks
Overall Series Chair

APPROVED REP RULE CHANGES

The Rep Rules Meeting was held January 22, 2023 at the Preston Auditorium in Cambridge. The following Rule Changes were approved.

Baseball Ontario Office 1A).

- **Delete RP2.4 (a) and (b) and replace with the following, re lettering the remainder as required**

RP2.4 a) b) **COACHES AND MANAGERS**

- a. In order to be on a Rep roster after June 30th of the playing year, coaches and field managers must meet the certification requirements as set out by Rep Council. Rep Council shall publish a list of the certification requirements by the AGM annually.

Baseball Ontario Office 3.

- Delete “and submit same to the OBA Office for approval” from RP 7.2 (b) and (c).

b. Teams wishing to play an exhibition game(s) outside the Province of Ontario must first secure the permission of their Local Association and Affiliated Association.

c. Teams wishing to play an exhibition game(s) involving a team(s) from outside the Province of Ontario must first secure the permission of their Local Association and Affiliated Association

Rep council 5b.

- **Add a new RP2.5(k), re-letter the remainder as necessary:**

(k) Electronic Pitch Communication systems (ie: PitchCom) are permitted at all Rep play. They are not considered electronic devices for the purposes of RP2.5(j)

Rep council 6.

- **Amend RP2.10(c) as follows:**

Except at Senior, a pitcher once removed from the pitching position, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game. Exception: Pitchers who substituted for offensively by either a pinch hitter or a pinch runner may return to pitch in the next defensive inning so long as no other player has pitched for that team.

Rep council 7.

- **Add a new RP2.11(z):**

If a team has no pitchers eligible to pitch in that game, the game is over and the team forfeits. A final score of 7-0 will be applied and 7 defensive innings for the winning team.

Rep council 8.

- **Amend RQ2.3(r) as follows:**

Base Runners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and runners may not advance. The runner will be called out. No stealing allowed.

Rep council 9.

- **Amend RQ2.3(e) as follows:**

Until the ball is fed into the machine, outfielders shall position themselves at least 15 feet beyond the base paths or on the outfield grass, whichever is closer.

Rep council 10.

- **Add a new RP2.8(k) and (l) - Ohtani Rule:**

- At 16U and above, in the event the starting pitcher will bat for themselves as the DH, the player will be considered two separate people for the purposes of OBR 5.11(a). In such cases, the Manager should list 10 players on the line-up card and this player should be listed twice – once as the starting pitcher and once as the Designated Hitter. Thus, if the starting pitcher is replaced, they can continue as the DH (but can no longer pitch in the game), and if the DH is replaced, they can continue as the pitcher (but can no longer hit for themselves). If the player is simultaneously replaced both as the starting pitcher and the DH, they cannot be replaced by another two-way player filling both roles; they must be replaced by two separate players.

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 5.11(a), if the starting pitcher/DH is switched to a position on defense instead of DH, such move will terminate the DH role for the remainder of the game.

Rep council 12.

- **Add a new RP2.17 (e). as follows, relettering the remainder:**

- A 10U/11U game ends when the time limit is reached and a full inning has been completed. If the time limit passes during an inning, such inning will be the last inning however it will not be treated as the last inning for the purposes of the 8-run maximum rule. If the top half of a new inning is started within 15 minutes of the time limit, the umpire will declare that inning to be the last inning and the 8-run maximum will apply.

Rep council 13.

In RP6, Eliminations

- Remove all references to Civic Holiday weekend. Rep Council shall determine the dates for Elimination Tournaments annually by the AGM.

Rep council 14.

- **Delete RP6(q) and replace with the following:**

No game may be scheduled to start prior to 9:00am for the duration of the Rep Elimination Tournament or any Qualifier. In the event that weather or other unforeseen circumstances require the start time of games to change, the Rep Series Chair shall have sole authority to order a game to begin earlier than 9:00am provided that teams receive no less than 8 hours prior notice of the change (ie: midnight for an 8:00am start). Under no circumstances may a Rep Elimination Tournament game start prior to 8:00am).

Rep council 15.

- **Delete RP6(r) and replace with the following:**

At 22U Rep Elimination Tournaments and above, the maximum roster size is 30 players. A maximum of 25 players can appear on a line-up card for any one game. At 18U and below and Senior, a roster of up to 25 players are permitted on a roster.

Rep council 16.

- **Add at the beginning of RP 2.7(f)**

Except at 10U/11U,

Rep operation 17.

- **Delete RP2.11(r), and replace as follows:**

r) For all Rep sanctioned tournament play, (including Provincial Championships, and Elimination Tournaments), the Home team is responsible for capturing the pitch count in the pitch count app in real-time (either pitch by pitch or at the end of each inning) during the game. Failure to complete this in real-time will result in the game being forfeited to the Away team. Should the game not be captured in real-time as a result of negligence and it is not realized until after the game, the game will not be forfeited but will result in a one-game suspension for the Head Coach. **Exception:** where cell service is weak or down and the tournament convenor gives permission, games may be entered post-game within 20 minutes following the end of the game.

S) For tournament play, if a host chooses to do the pitch counts, the home team will not be penalized if the pitch count is not entered. A \$1000 fine will apply to the host.

Rep operation 18.

Change R2.11(a) as follows:

Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care rules listed in RP2.11 shall be in force throughout the baseball season and shall apply to all league play and tournament play as sanctioned by Baseball Ontario or any Affiliated Association. *This includes games played outside of Ontario and outside Canada, regardless of the tournaments pitch count rules or lack thereof.*

Senior advisory 19.

Delete and replace rp6 p)

At the Senior AAA Elimination, the number of rounds scheduled to be completed on Friday may be 1.5 rounds, with the Winner's bracket being scheduled to play Round 2 on Friday while the Loser's bracket will be scheduled to play Round 2 on Saturday. In all other circumstances, each round in a double elimination tournament must be originally scheduled to be completed on the same day.



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Section 1 - ORGANIZATION

1.01 Name

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

The OBA was organized May 4, 1918, under the name “Ontario Baseball Amateur Association”. In 1938 the name was changed to “Ontario Baseball Association”. In 1981, the organization was incorporated as “Ontario Baseball Association, Inc.”.

1.02 Objects

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

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

Definitions:

- a) Act – the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010, as amended.
- b) Corporation – Ontario Baseball Association, Inc.
- c) Auditor - an individual, partnership, or corporation appointed by the Members at the Annual Meeting to audit the books, accounts, and records of the Corporation for a report to the Members at the next Annual Meeting in accordance with the Act.
- d) Board – the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- e) Days – days including weekends and holidays.
- f) Director – an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to these By-laws.
- g) Extraordinary Resolution – a resolution passed by not less than eighty (80) percent of the voting points assigned to the votes cast on that resolution.
- h) In Writing – shall include both hard copy and electronic communication in a form determined appropriate by the Board.
- i) Officer – an individual elected or appointed to serve in an office of the Corporation pursuant to these By-laws.
- j) Ordinary Resolution – a resolution passed by a majority of the voting points assigned to the votes cast on that resolution or consented to by all voting Members entitled to vote on that resolution.
- k) Special Resolution – a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the voting points assigned to the votes cast on that resolution. Special Resolutions considered by the Members must be

submitted to a Special Meeting of the Members unless each Member present at the meeting consents to the resolution.

1.03 Membership

a) Membership in the OBA shall be comprised of the following member classes:

(i) Rep Members

- a. Affiliated Associations
- b. Rep Direct Entries
- c. Rep Council Members
- d. Life Members
- e. Honorary Members
- f. Past Presidents

(ii) Select Members

- a. Loop Associations
- b. Select Local Community Baseball Associations
- c. Select Direct Entries
- d. Select Council Members
- e. Select Life Members

(iii) Board Members - Directors of the Corporation, elected or appointed in accordance with these By-laws.

(iv) Local Members - associations that are approved by the OBA Board of Directors, that offer a structured baseball program in their community within the policies and guidelines of Baseball Ontario.

- b) The position of Life Member can only be conferred on an individual if approved by the Board by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast, after 15 years or more of continuous, faithful service by the individual to the OBA and where a definite desire exists to retain the active service of the individual with an official status. To be appointed a Life Member, the individual must have previously been appointed an Honorary Member. The total number of Life Members that the OBA may have at any one time shall not exceed 3, but terms of Life Memberships conferred prior to 1972 will continue to their expiration. Life Members shall have the right of delegates at all Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the OBA, including the right to vote.
- c) The position of Honorary Member may be conferred by the Board, by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast, for outstanding continuous and meritorious service to the OBA. Future Life Members are to be selected from Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall have the right of delegates at all Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the OBA, including the right to vote.
- d) Past Presidents, including an Immediate Past President that is not ratified by the Board in accordance with section 1.04 e), shall have the right of delegates at all Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the OBA, including the right to vote.

- e) A Member may be disciplined in accordance with the Corporation's policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members or, upon fifteen (15) days' written notice to a Member the Board may pass a resolution authorizing disciplinary action or the termination of membership for violating any provision of the articles or By-laws. The notice shall set out the reasons for the disciplinary action or termination of membership. The Member receiving the notice shall be entitled to give the Board a written submission opposing the disciplinary action or termination not less than five (5) days before the end of the 15-day period. The Board shall consider the written submission of the Member before making a final decision regarding disciplinary action or termination of membership.
- f) Memberships in the OBA are the property of the OBA and cannot be bartered or transferred.

1.04 Board of Directors

- a) Management of the OBA shall be handled by the OBA Board of Directors ("the Board"), which shall be:
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Vice President
 - (iii) Treasurer
 - (iv) Rep Commissioner
 - (v) Select Commissioner
 - (vi) Six (6) Rep Directors
 - (vii) Two (2) Select Directors
 - (viii) Immediate Past President
- b) The President and Vice President shall be elected by the voting members.
- c) The Rep Commissioner and Rep Directors will be elected by Rep members.
- d) The Select Commissioner and Select Directors will be elected by Select members.
- e) The Immediate Past President is an ex-officio position and is the last person to hold the position of President. The Immediate Past President will only be considered as a Director upon annual ratification of the Board of Directors by majority vote. In the event that the Board of Directors does not ratify the appointment of the Immediate Past President, the position will sit vacant.
- f) Election – Directors will be elected in rotation at each Annual Meeting as follows:
 - (i) The President, Vice President, two (2) Rep Directors and one (1) Select Director.
 - (ii) The Select Commissioner and two (2) Rep Directors.
 - (iii) The Rep Commissioner, two (2) Rep Directors and one (1) Select Director.
- g) Each Board member shall have one (1) vote at all meetings of the Board.
- h) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board; their term will run from December 1st to November 30th of the following year, and they may be paid a specified honorarium determined by the Board of Directors.
- i) An Executive Committee will be appointed by the Board to assist in the preparation of budgetary statements and any business operational decisions that cannot wait until the next Board meeting. All decisions made by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board at the next Board meeting to have continued effect. The Executive Committee shall include the President, Vice

President, Treasurer, Rep Commissioner, Select Commissioner, and any other Board member as determined by the President.

- j) Individuals may be invited to serve as a Board Observer and attend meetings of the Board in a non-voting capacity provided the individual is interested in serving in the position and has been approved by the Board. The Board may appoint Board Observers at its discretion (e.g., Supervisor of Umpires, Chair of Coach & Player Development). Board Observers are not Directors or considered to be members of the Board.
- k) An Executive Director and other staff may be hired by the Board. The duties of the Executive Director shall be as directed by the Board. The Executive Director, or designate, shall act as the Secretary of the OBA.
- l) An individual who is elected or appointed to be a Director must consent in writing to hold office as a Director before or within ten (10) days of their election or appointment. Any individual who does not provide consent within the time limit is not a Director and is deemed not to have been elected or appointed to hold office as a Director. The requirement to consent does not apply to a Director who is re-elected or reappointed when there has been no break in their term of office.
- m) The Board shall have control of the affairs of the OBA and shall have power to fill vacancies in accordance with the Act. The Board shall also have the power to deal with matters which are not otherwise provided for or covered by the OBA By-Laws.
- n) The President may appoint such standing and ad-hoc committees as it deems necessary for managing the affairs of the Corporation. Such committee(s) shall be comprised of one (1) or more members of the Board and may include members of the Rep Council, Select Council, and/or other persons as the President may deem fit. The Board may prescribe the duties and terms of reference of these committees and may delegate to any of these committees any of its powers, duties, and functions.
- o) Nominations for Directors: Directors shall be nominated (in writing):
 - (i) by an Affiliated Association in good standing and operating the previous year, or
 - (ii) by a member of the Board, or
 - (iii) by a member of the Rep Council, or
 - (iv) by a member of the Select Council, or
 - (v) by a Loop Association in good standing and operating the previous year, or
 - (vi) by a Select local community association in good standing and operating the previous year.

The Rep Commissioner and Rep Directors may only be nominated by (i), (ii), and (iii). The Select Commissioner may only be nominated by (ii), (iv), (v) or (vi) and Select Directors may only be nominated by Select Council. The President and Vice President may be nominated by any of the above.

- p) All nominations must be at the OBA Office by a deadline set by the Board prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of Members. For a name to remain on the ballot, a nominee must consent at the Annual Meeting in person or must have indicated their consent to the OBA Office in writing, prior to the election.

- q) The Board shall meet at a minimum once every two months throughout the year or when business warrants. 7 Directors shall form a quorum for meetings of the Board.
- r) A meeting of the Board may be held by telephonic or electronic means. Directors who participate in a meeting by telephonic or electronic means are considered to have attended the meeting. Additionally, for an in-person meeting of the Board, a Director may, if all the Directors of the OBA consent, participate in a meeting of the Directors by telephonic or electronic means provided that all participants are able to adequately communicate during the meeting.
- s) The office of any Director will be vacated automatically if:
 - (i) The Director resigns;
 - (ii) The Director is found to be incapable of managing property by a court or under Ontario law;
 - (iii) The Director is found by a court to be incapable;
 - (iv) The Director becomes bankrupt; or
 - (v) The Director dies.
- t) A Director may be removed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at a Special Meeting of the Members provided the Director has been given reasonable written notice of, and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at, such a meeting. If a Director is elected by a class or group of members, only those members will vote on the removal of the Director.
- u) When the position of a Director becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill the position for the remainder of the term. Alternatively, the Board may decide that one or more Directors will execute the duties of the vacant Director position for the remainder of the unexpired term. If a Director is removed by the Members at a meeting of the Members, the Members may elect a Director to fill the unexpired term at the same meeting.

1.05 Duties of Directors

- a) The President will be the chair of the Board and will preside at the Annual and Special Meetings of the Corporation and at meetings of the Board unless otherwise designated. The President, or their designate, will be the official spokesperson of the Corporation and will perform such other duties as are necessary for the proper conduct of the office of the President.
- b) The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President. The Vice President shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President and ratified by the Board.
- c) Elected or appointed Directors shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President and ratified by the Board.
- d) The Immediate Past President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President and ratified by the Board and shall offer such advice and guidance to the OBA Board of Management and the Rep Council and Select Council as may be requested.
- e) The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the OBA, and a register of all members.

- f) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed by the OBA and report at least annually to the members of the OBA. Except in accordance with section 3.02 a), the Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by an accredited auditor.
- g) The President and Vice President of the OBA are deemed to be ex-officio, voting members of all councils and committees, except disciplinary committees as appropriate.

1.06 Meetings

- a) The OBA will hold meetings of Members at such date, time and place as determined by the Board within the Province of Ontario. The Annual Meeting will be held within fifteen (15) months of the last Annual Meeting and within six (6) months of the OBA's fiscal year end. Any Member, upon request, will be provided, not less than ten (10) days before the annual meeting, with a copy of the meeting agenda, Board-approved financial statements, auditor's report (if any) or review engagement report (if any). The sites for Annual Meetings shall be determined by the Board.
- b) All members attending a meeting of the members must register as a voting delegate with the OBA office in advance before the registration deadline, which will be communicated to all members when notice of the meeting is provided. No delegate shall be permitted to speak or vote at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting unless they have registered in the manner required.
- c) Annual members fees for the then-current period October 1st to September 30th must be paid by a Member before that Member's delegate(s) shall have a voice or vote at Annual Meetings or Special Meetings of the OBA.
- d) Special Meetings - The President may call a special general meeting of the OBA ("Special Meeting") at any time but must do so at the request of ten percent (10%) or more of the voting Members. 21 days' notice of such meeting must be given and the reason for such meeting.
- e) Member associations must operate the previous year under OBA jurisdiction before having the right of voice at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the OBA.
- f) At an Annual Meetings or Special Meeting, twenty (20) voting delegates shall form a quorum, established as follows:
 - (i) Rep Members are entitled to vote in accordance with section j) below.
 - Affiliated Associations
 - Rep Direct Entries
 - Rep Council Members
 - Life Members
 - Honorary Members
 - Past Presidents
 - (ii) Select Members are entitled to vote in accordance with section k) below.
 - Loop Associations
 - Select Local Community Baseball Associations
 - Select Direct Entries
 - Select Council Members
 - Select Life Members
 - (iii) Board Members are entitled to one (1) vote.

- (iv) Local Members are entitled to one (1) vote.
- g) All voting delegates will be entitled to vote with respect to the election of the President and Vice President, the amendment of the By-laws and the appointment of the auditor.
- h) Rep Member voting delegates will elect the Rep Commissioner and Rep Directors of the Board.
- i) Select Member voting delegates will elect the Select Commissioner and Select Directors of the Board.
- j) Rep Member voting:
 - (i) Each Affiliated Association in good standing shall be entitled to the following votes:

Affiliated Associations with more than 24 teams	4 votes
Affiliated Associations with 15 to 24 teams	3 votes
Affiliated Associations with 6 to 14 teams	2 votes
Affiliated Associations with 1 to 5 teams	1 vote

- (ii) Board Members, Rep Direct Entries, Life Members, Honorary Members, Past Presidents and each member of Rep Council shall be entitled to one (1) vote as a Rep Member.
- (iii) Total number of teams will be calculated annually based on the number of rosters submitted from all Affiliated Associations.

The votes under section j) (i) and (ii) count as Rep Division votes.

- k) Select Member voting:
 - (i) Each member of the Select Division shall be entitled to the following votes:

Each local community baseball association which is a member in good standing	1 vote
Each recognized loop association	1 vote
Each member of Select Council	1 vote
Each Select Life member without a vote as a current member of the Select Council	1 vote

The votes under section k) (i) count as Select Division votes.

- l) A delegate may only cast one vote/ballot and may not cast both a Rep vote/ballot and a Select vote/ballot on the same matter.
- m) Only delegates present are entitled to vote.
- n) A delegate from an association in arrears to the OBA in any way shall be considered not in good standing and shall not be permitted to vote at an Annual or Special Meeting, providing notice of such arrears has been given in writing to the association a month prior to the meeting.

1.07 Amendments to the Baseball Ontario By-laws:

Subject to the following section on Fundamental Changes, these By-laws may only be amended, revised, repealed or added to by:

- a) Resolution of the Board. The new, amended, or revised By-law is effective until the next meeting of the Members and, except for those amendments that are considered fundamental changes, the voting Members may confirm, reject or amend the By-laws by Ordinary Resolution. A new, amended, or revised By-law that is not ratified by the Members ceases to have effect and no new By-law of the same or like substance has any effect until ratified at a meeting of the Members; or
- b) A Member entitled to vote who may make a proposal to make, amend, or repeal a By-law in accordance with the Act which requires at least sixty (60) days' notice. The new, amended, or repealed By-law will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members and, except for those amendments that are considered fundamental changes, the voting Members may confirm, reject or amend the By-laws by Ordinary Resolution.

Fundamental Changes – A Special Resolution of all Members is required to make the following fundamental changes to the By-laws or articles of the OBA. Fundamental Changes are defined as follows:

- Change the OBA's name;
 - Add, change or remove any restriction on the activities that the OBA may carry on;
 - Create a new category of Members;
 - Change a condition required for being a Member;
 - Change the designation of any category of Members or add, change or remove any rights and conditions of any such category;
 - Divide any category of Members into two or more categories and fix the rights and conditions of each category;
 - Add, change or remove a provision respecting the transfer of a membership;
 - Increase or decrease the number of, or the minimum or maximum number of, Directors;
 - Change the purposes of the OBA;
 - Change to whom the property remaining on liquidation after the discharge of any liabilities of the OBA is to be distributed;
 - Change the manner of giving notice to Members entitled to vote at a meeting of Members;
 - Change the method of voting by Members not in attendance at a meeting of the Members; or
 - Add, change or remove any other provision that is permitted by the Act.
- c) An amendment may only be proposed by the Board, the Rep Council, the Select Council or by an Affiliated Association, a Loop Association or a Select Local Community Baseball Association in good standing.
 - d) With respect to proposed amendments to the OBA By-laws under this section, voting points will be assigned to votes cast in the following manner:
 - each Rep Division vote will be assigned 4.1 voting points.
 - each Select Division vote will be assigned 1 voting point.

- each Local Member vote will be assigned 1 voting point.

1.08 Electing Directors

- a) The OBA shall, at its Annual Meeting, provide the delegates with a proper ballot, giving the offices and nominations for each.
- b) For the election of the President and Vice President, voting points will be assigned to votes cast in the following manner:
 - (i) each Rep Division vote will be assigned 4.1 voting points.
 - (ii) each Select Division vote will be assigned 1 voting point.
 - (iii) Each Local Member vote will be assigned 1 voting point.
 - (iv) The candidates will be elected on the basis of achieving the most voting points and an Ordinary Resolution. Where no candidate receives a majority of voting points with respect to votes cast, there shall be a run-off election between the top two candidates.
- c) For the election of the Rep Commissioner, only Rep voting delegates may vote. Select voting delegates and Local Member delegates do not have a vote for Rep Commissioner. The candidate will be elected on the basis of achieving the most votes and an Ordinary Resolution. Where no candidate receives a majority of votes, there shall be a run-off election between the top two candidates.
- d) For the election of Select Commissioner, only Select voting delegates may vote. Rep voting delegates and Local Member delegates do not have a vote for Select Commissioner. The candidate will be elected on the basis of achieving the most votes and an Ordinary Resolution. Where no candidate receives a majority of votes, there shall be a run-off election between the top two candidates.
- e) The number of Rep Directors elected, and the number of Select Directors elected will maintain the voting ratio rounded to the nearest whole number (i.e., the current voting ratio is 3:1, hence 6 Rep Directors and 2 Select Directors).
 - (i) In the case of the nominations for Rep Directors, of which 2 are to be elected annually, all eligible Rep voting delegates must mark their ballots for 1 or 2 of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not counted. Select voting delegates and Local Member delegates do not have a vote for Rep Directors. A candidate will be elected on the basis of achieving the top two in votes and an Ordinary Resolution. If one of the top two in votes achieves a majority of votes but the other does not, then the first candidate will be declared elected and the second candidate shall compete in a run-off election with the candidate who finished third. If neither of the top two candidates achieved a majority, then there shall be a run-off election whereby the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be removed from the ballot and the remaining candidates shall compete for election. This process shall continue until two candidates are elected by a majority of votes cast.
 - (ii) In the case of nominations for Select Directors, of which at most 1 is to be elected annually, all eligible Select voting delegates must mark their ballots for 1 of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not

counted. Rep voting delegates and Local Member delegates do not have a vote for Select Directors. The candidate will be elected on the basis of achieving the most votes and an Ordinary Resolution. Where no candidate receives a majority of votes, there shall be a run-off election between the top two candidates.

- f) Each person nominated for election as an Officer (i.e., President, Vice President, Rep Commissioner, Select Commissioner) or Director shall be given a maximum of two minutes to speak about their candidacy. Nominees may decline to speak.

1.09 Voting Ratio and Voting Point Calculation Methodology

- a) The voting point calculation is intended to yield a result that gives voting weights that are in proportion to the relative size of the Rep and Select Divisions.
- b) The calculation of the points assigned to the various sources of votes will be recalculated every three years.
 - (i) The “voting ratio” is calculated as the ratio of the number of Rep Teams divided by the number of Select teams. The numerator and denominator of the ratio will be based on an average of the last three years. The “voting ratio” will be rounded up or down to one decimal.
 - (ii) The “voting points” assigned to Rep votes are calculated as the ratio of the number of Select Division votes available to be cast multiplied by the “voting ratio” divided by the number of Rep Division votes available to be cast. The numerator and denominator available vote numbers will be based on the average of the last three years. The result of this calculation will be rounded up or down to one decimal to become the “voting points” assigned to Rep votes.
 - (iii) The “voting points” assigned to Select votes resulting from the calculation is 1 to maintain the “voting ratio”.
 - (iv) Voting points associated with Local Members to cast a vote is set to 1.

Example Based on 2017 to 2019 to be implemented in 2020:

Rep Teams:	1095.3	Select Teams	341.0
Rep Available Votes:	100	Select Available Votes:	129

Voting Ratio: $1095.3 / 341.0 = 3.212:1$ (Rounded to 3.2:1)
Rep Voting Points: $129 \times 3.2 / 100 = 4.128$ (Rounded to 4.1)

1.10 General

- a) The OBA By-Laws are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the President in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Board, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement with regard to all the circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final.
- b) The operational procedures, rules and policies of members and member associations may not circumvent these by-laws.
- c) Any member of the OBA that violates these by-Laws, policies or procedures, as applicable, or refuses to abide by the decisions of the Board, Rep Council, Select Council or other committee(s) may be subject to discipline including being expelled or suspended.
- d) The governing documents of the OBA will only be amended by way of Ordinary Resolution or a majority vote. Governing documents include the OBA's rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Section 2 DIVISIONS

2.01 OBA Procedures and Playing Rules

The OBA Procedures and Playing Rules shall apply to and govern both the Rep and Select Divisions of the OBA. The OBA Procedures and Playing Rules may only be amended as stated in such OBA Procedures and Playing Rules. The OBA Procedures and Playing Rules may not include any provision that conflicts with the OBA By-Laws. If any conflict exists, these By-Laws shall prevail.

2.02 Rep Division

In addition to the provisions of the OBA By-Laws and OBA Procedures and Playing Rules, rep play shall be governed by the Policies and Procedures of the Rep Division, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for Rep Council. The Policies and Procedures of the Rep Division may only be amended as stated in such Policies and Procedures.

2.03 Select Division

In addition to the provisions of the OBA By-Laws and OBA Procedures and Playing Rules, select play shall be governed by the Policies and Procedures of the Select Division, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for Select Council. The Policies and Procedures of the Select Division may only be amended as stated in such Policies and Procedures.

2.04 Conflicts

Neither the Policies and Procedures of the Rep Division nor the Policies and Procedures of the Select Division may include any provision that conflicts with the OBA By-Laws and/or the OBA Procedures and

Playing Rules. If any conflict exists, these By-laws and/or the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules shall prevail.

Section 3 FINANCIAL NOTES

3.01 Budget Process

- a) The Executive Committee shall prepare a budget for consideration and approval by the Board.
- b) The Board shall have authority to reduce any fee at the Rep Division level or Select Division level, but may not increase a fee at the Rep Division level without the approval of Rep Council nor at the Select Division level without the permission of Select Council.
- c) The Board shall have complete discretion over the establishment of fees for matters within the jurisdiction of the Board (e.g., insurance, coaching clinics, umpire clinics, etc.).

3.02 Books and Financial Statements

- a) Auditors – At each Annual Meeting the Members may appoint an auditor to audit or conduct a review engagement of the books, accounts and records of the OBA in accordance with the Act. The auditor will hold office until the next Annual Meeting. The auditor will not be an employee, Officer, or Director of the OBA and must be permitted to conduct an audit or review engagement of the OBA under the Public Accounting Act, 2004, as amended. When the OBA's revenue for the previous fiscal year was less than the amount prescribed in the Act, the Members may decline, by Extraordinary Resolution (80% agreement), to appoint an auditor. Alternatively, when the OBA's revenue for the previous fiscal year was greater than the amount prescribed in the Act, the Members may, by Extraordinary Resolution (80% agreement), chose to conduct a review engagement or notice to reader in lieu of an audit.
- b) Annual Financial Statements – The Directors will approve financial statements (evidenced by signature of one or more Directors) of the OBA of the last fiscal year of the OBA but not more than six (6) months before the Annual Meeting and present the approved financial statements before the Members at every Annual Meeting. A copy of the Annual Financial Statements will be provided to any Member requesting a copy of the Financial Statements not less than twenty-one (21) days before the Annual Meeting. The Financial Statements will include:
 - (i) The financial statements;
 - (ii) The auditor's report or review engagement (if any); and
 - (iii) Any further information respecting the financial position of the OBA.
- c) Books and Records – The necessary books and records of the OBA required by these By-laws or by applicable law will be necessarily and properly kept. The books and records include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) The OBA's articles and By-laws;
 - (ii) The minutes of meetings of the Members and of any committee of Members;
 - (iii) The resolutions of the Members and of any committee of Members;
 - (iv) The minutes of meetings of the Directors or any committee of Directors;
 - (v) The resolutions of the Directors and of any committee of Directors;

- (vi) A register of Directors;
 - (vii) A register of Officers;
 - (viii) A register of Members; and
 - (ix) Account records adequate to enable the Directors to ascertain the financial position of the OBA on a quarterly basis.
- d) Minutes of meetings of the Board and Board Resolutions – Minutes of meetings of the Board and Board Resolutions are confidential and may only be open for inspection by Members in good standing by request to the Board and the Board's approval.

3.03 Dissolution

- a) Upon dissolution of the Corporation and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed to not-for-profit organizations that carry on their work solely in the province of Ontario, as determined by the Board.

Temporary - Bylaw #2

Board Transition Plan

1.1 Board Transition – This By-law #2 is enacted and portions of the Corporation's By-laws will be temporarily repealed to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions of this By-law #2.

1.2 Elections at Annual Meetings – The following elections will occur at each Annual Meetings of the Members:

- a) 2023 Meeting
 - i. Three Year Term
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Two (2) Rep Directors
 - iv. One (1) Select Director
 - ii. Two Year Term
 - i. Rep Commissioner
 - ii. Two (2) Rep Directors
 - iii. One (1) Select Director
 - iii. One Year Term
 - i. Select Commissioner
 - ii. Two (2) Rep Directors
- b) 2024 Meeting
 - i. Three Year Term
 - i. Select Commissioner
 - ii. Two (2) Rep Directors
- c) 2025 Meeting
 - i. Three Year Term
 - i. Rep Commissioner
 - ii. Two (2) Rep Directors
 - iii. One (1) Select Director

1.3 Repeal of this By-law #2 – After the elections at the 2025 Annual Meeting, the Board transition period will have completed and this By-law #2 will be automatically repealed.

OBA Procedures and Playing Rules

A1.01 GENERAL

- a. The OBA Procedures and Playing Rules herein shall govern the Rep and Select Divisions of the organization, in addition to division-specific Procedures and Playing Rules as determined by the Divisions.
- b. To the extent that there is any conflict between these OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and/or the Select Procedures and Playing Rules and/or the Rep Procedures and Playing Rules, these OBA Procedures and Playing Rules shall prevail.
- c. The Official Rules of Baseball shall govern all games except as provided in the playing rules below. **NOTE:** Where there is a change made to The Official Rules of Baseball, the change shall not take effect until approved by Baseball Ontario and/or its Councils as appropriate.
- d. The OBA Procedures and Playing Rules as shown in this document are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the President in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Board of Directors, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement regarding all the circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final.
- e. The Board of Directors may review and modify the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules, Rep Procedures and Playing Rules and/or Select Procedures and Playing Rules if the change(s) are determined to be in the best interests of baseball and/or matters that are related to safe sport (risk management). Such change(s) must be approved by a minimum of 75% of eligible votes.
- f. Any member association and/or officers of same, which fails to uphold the rulings and enforce the decisions of the OBA will leave said Member Association, and/or officers open to suspension by the OBA.

A2.01 BUDGET PROCESS

- a. The Executive Committee shall prepare a budget annually for consideration and approval by OBA Board of Directors.
- b. OBA Board of Management shall have complete discretion over the establishment of fees for matters within the jurisdiction of the OBA Board of Management (eg. insurance, coaching clinics, umpire clinics, etc.).

A2.02 SETTING FEES

- a. Rep Council has the authority to increase any fee applicable to the Rep Division and OBA Board of Directors shall include such increased fee in the OBA budget.
- b. Select Council has the authority to increase any fee applicable to the Select Division and OBA Board of Directors shall include such increased fee in the OBA budget.

- c. Where either Division or Council, or any subcommittee of same, including the Elite Division Steering Committee, desires to lower a fee, then such decrease is only effective upon the approval of the OBA Board of Directors.
- d. Where OBA Board of Directors desires to increase a fee applicable to either or both Divisions, such increase is only effective upon the approval of the Council(s).

A2.03 AUTHORITY TO BIND THE ORGANIZATION

- a. Only the Board of Directors has the authority to enter into contracts that bind the organization.
- b. No member association or individual shall have any power or authority to bind the organization in any way, to pledge its credit or to render it liable pecuniarily for any purpose. No Member shall have any power or authority to bind the organization unless the Member has been authorized by the Board of Directors to act as agent of the organization in accordance with the previous sentence.

A2.04 FINANCIAL CLAIMS

- a. Officers, members of the Board of Directors, members of Rep Council, members of Select Council, Series Chairs and Convenors appointed by the Board or Council(s) may be financially reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in attending OBA Board of Directors or committee meetings, and also for appropriate out of pocket expenses pertaining to OBA business during sanctioned events.
- b. All financial claims must be submitted to the OBA Office within 2 months of expenditure or by September 30th, whichever comes first.

A3.01 INSURANCE

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

A4.01 PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- a. Players, coaches, and umpires in uniform must refrain from using any tobacco products during all games.
- b. Players, coaches, and umpires in uniform must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- c. Penalty for a) and b) will be immediate ejection for players or coaches and may result in loss of accreditation for umpires.

A5.01 DISCIPLINE

- a. Teams, officers, managers, coaches, umpires, or players may be suspended by Baseball Ontario for knowingly:
 - i. Permitting betting or improper conduct by players or officers at games.
 - ii. Offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game or being interested in any pool or wager thereon.
 - iii. Playing with a team, Direct Entry, Local Association, or Affiliated Association that has been suspended or expelled.
 - iv. Having on its list of signed players any disqualified players.
 - v. Permitting officers to conduct business of Direct Entries, Local Associations, Affiliated Associations or Associate Members against the best interests of baseball.
 - vi. Violating any Baseball Ontario policy or Code of Conduct.
- b. Any team or player which shall play under an assumed name shall be suspended from Baseball Ontario and any coach or manager knowingly permitting a player to play under an assumed name shall be suspended from Baseball Ontario, subject to appeal.
- c. Any player found guilty of playing over the age limit permitted in the series in which he/she is participating shall automatically be suspended along with the manager of the team.
- d. Any team found guilty of playing a player over the age limit permitted in the series in which he/she is participating, shall automatically be suspended along with the manager of the team.
- e. Any manager or coach using an ineligible player in a Tournament, or a Play-off shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. Any further penalty shall be decided by Baseball Ontario.
- f. Any player, coach or manager making physical contact with an umpire will be immediately suspended indefinitely, subject to appeal.
- g. Suspensions issued by the Select Division that are communicated to the Rep Division, will be automatically accepted by the Rep Division, and vice versa.
- h. Any person suspended by the either division may appeal such suspension as outlined by the Baseball Ontario Discipline Policy. Appeals will not stay the execution of the suspension and suspended persons may not participate while their appeal is being heard. Any suspension of 2 games or less is not appealable.

A5.02 PENALTIES

- a. The following Progressive Penalties shall apply at all levels of baseball on minor offenses/infractions by a coach or manager:
 - i. On a first minor violation, the coach or manager shall receive a warning from the umpire.
 - ii. If the coach/manager continues after being warned, or on any second minor violation in that game, the umpire shall order the coach/manager be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game.

- iii. On any subsequent minor violation in that game, or refusal to remain in the dugout after restriction, the umpire shall eject the coach/manager from the game.
- iv. The umpire in his/her sole discretion may elect to eject any coach, manager, or player from the game without warning or progressive penalties.
- b. Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire from any OBA game shall be assessed an automatic one-game which is to be the next scheduled game of consequence (ie: not exhibition games). The player, coach or manager may be subject to further suspension depending on the severity of the circumstances leading to the ejection at the discretion of the tournament host's protest and discipline committee.
- c. The umpires, who umpire a game where an ejection occurs, shall file an ejection report with the convenor of the tournament within 2 days of the completion of the tournament. Failure to submit an ejection report shall result in the suspension of the umpire(s) until the report is filed.

A5.03 COMMISSIONERS APPEALS

- a. Any decisions made by the Rep or Select Division (other than a protested game, classifications or appeal of fines) may be appealed to the appropriate Commissioner, in writing, with a deposit of \$100.00. The appeal must be made within 14 days of the decision being appealed.
- b. When the Commissioner receives an appeal in writing, the Commissioner shall review the appeal and determine whether, in the Commissioner's discretion, the appeal either (i) presents new information not available or presented to the board or committee which made the decision appealed from or (ii) represents an important and compelling matter which justifies the holding of an appeal. Where the Commissioner determines that either (i) or (ii) applies, the Commissioner shall name a committee of at least 3 members of the appropriate Council who shall hear the appeal. The committee shall also rule on the disposition of the deposit.
- c. The Commissioner shall establish the time and place of the appeal hearing. The hearing must be held within 45 days of receiving the written appeal. The 45 days shall begin the day following the receipt of the written appeal.
- d. The appellant must be present in person at the hearing. Failure to appear will result in a default decision and no further appeal shall be allowed.
- e. A decision resulting from a Commissioner's Appeal may be appealed to the OBA President. The President will have the discretion to refer the appeal to the OBA Dispute Resolution Committee, or to address the appeal through the President's Appeal Procedure described below.
- f. Decisions, which are disciplinary in nature, made by a Local Association or Affiliated Association may be appealed by a member of the Local Association or Affiliated Association using the Commissioner's Appeal Process. The Commissioner will apply only the criteria in (b)(ii) above to determine if a hearing will be granted.

A5.04 PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

- a. When the President receives an appeal in writing, the President shall review the appeal and determine whether, in the President's discretion, the appeal either (i) presents new information

not available or presented to the board or committee which made the decision appealed from or (ii) represents an important and compelling matter which justifies the holding of an appeal. Where the President determines that either (i) or (ii) applies, the President shall name a committee of at least 3 members of the OBA Board of Management who shall hear the appeal. The decision of the committee shall be final. The committee shall also rule on the disposition of the deposit.

- b. The President shall establish the time and place of the appeal hearing. The hearing must be held within 45 days of receiving the written appeal. The 45 days shall begin the day following the receipt of the written appeal.
- c. The appellant must be present in person at the hearing. Failure to appear will result in a default decision and no further appeal shall be allowed.
- d. Decisions of the OBA (other than decisions of the Rep Division or Select Division) may be appealed to the OBA Dispute Resolution Committee. Decisions resulting from a Dispute Resolution Committee appeal, are eligible to be appealed to the President using the President's Appeal process described starting in paragraph a) above.

A5.05 APPEAL OF FINES

Any Direct Entry, Local Association, or Affiliated Association desiring to appeal a fine imposed upon a team, a Direct Entry, a Local Association, or an Affiliated Association must file a request to appeal the fine with Baseball Ontario within 45 days of receipt of notification of the fine. (Any fine issued by the Rep Division with respect to a tournament must be issued within 30 days of receipt of the Convenor's Report.) A panel established by the Baseball Ontario Board of Directors, or their designate, must hear an appeal of a fine within 45 days after the appeal is filed with the OBA Office.

A6.01 REPORTING ABUSE

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

A7.01 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- a. Championship teams of each Play-off series shall receive an award representative of the championship.
- b. The Rep will present the following numbers of awards to members of the championship team and finalist team of each classification:
 - i. All Select Championships: 18 awards
 - ii. Rep Championships: 15U and below: 20 awards
 - iii. Rep Championships: 16U and 18U: 20 awards
 - iv. Rep Championships: 22U, Senior and Women's: 25 awards

A8.01 COACHES AND MANAGERS

- 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 Baseball Ontario. Baseball Ontario shall publish a list of the certification requirements by the AGM annually.
- b. All coaches and field managers at 13U and up, and in their very first year of coaching, will be granted an extension of one (1) calendar year to complete the required modules for their specific division, provided they complete at a minimum the following 5 courses prior to June 15th of their first-year coaching:
 - 1. Initiation Online Module
 - 2. Initiation Clinic
 - 3. Teaching & Learning Clinic
 - 4. Infielding Clinic
 - 5. Hitting Clinic
 - 6. Safe Sport eLearning
- c. For Rep Elimination tournaments, coaches must also meet the Baseball Canada certification requirements applicable to the national tournament they would attend if their team won the Eliminations.
- d. Managers and coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players both on and off the field until departure from the park. An infraction may result in a suspension for the next scheduled game in that OBA Play-off or to further suspension depending on the severity of the circumstances of the incident at the discretion of the tournament host's protest and discipline committee. Nothing in this paragraph limits the application of **RP2.13**.
- e. In 22U and below, at least one certified coach or manager listed in the Helpers Roster of the Local Association must be present and on the bench for each game. If there is no coach/manager present or the only coach/manager present is ejected, then the game is forfeited.
- f. All coaches and managers come under the jurisdiction of the umpires during games and are subject to penalties. The umpires shall see that the rules governing coaches and managers in all games are strictly enforced.
- g. As per the Official Rules of Baseball, in 14U and above, any team member in uniform may act as a base coach. Where a player in 14U, 15U, 16U or 18U is acting as a base coach, the player must wear a helmet.

A9.01 UMPIRES - GENERAL

- a. The OBA Umpire Supervisor shall determine annually the umpires to be certified with the OBA. The umpire is to pay a certification fee plus complete a certification process as determined by the OBA and outlined on the OBA website. The website will be updated annually by February 1st with the requirements for that year.
- b. For all OBA Championships (Rep and Select), umpires must complete an umpire report, available on the OBA website, to the OBA Office concerning ejections and protests. Reports must be

completed for each game involving ejections and/or protests within 24 hours of the scheduled game.

- c. In tournament play (Rep and Select), it is the responsibility of the host to ensure that all umpires are certified by the OBA. If any umpire used in a tournament is found not to be certified, and games are played using the umpire, the game results shall stand, however the host shall be fined \$250 for each incident and may be refused as host for any tournaments in the succeeding year.
- d. The home team in a home and home style Play-off shall notify, supply, and pay for official OBA umpires. All umpires are to be classified as neutral.
- e. A list of active OBA certified umpires will be made available on the Baseball Ontario website. All certifications are to be renewed yearly. Umpires handling OBA games must have current OBA certification. An umpire may not officiate any OBA game involving a team of which the umpire is a member.
- f. All umpires shall be properly dressed as specified by the OBA Umpires Committee when officiating at any baseball games involving OBA teams. Failure to comply could mean loss of accreditation.
- g. In all final series of a home and home style Play-off, 3 umpires will officiate with the exception of the 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U where 2 umpires will suffice. In tournament style OBA Play-offs 2 umpires will suffice except for the final game(s) at 14U, 15U, 16U Girls, 16U, 18U, 21U, Women's and Senior where there will be 3 umpires. 2 umpires will suffice for the final game(s) at T-Ball, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U.

A9.02 UMPIRES – FEES

- a. No umpires will be paid by the OBA.
- b. The home team in each game of a home and home style OBA Play-off must pay the umpires' fees.

A10.01 BAT RULES

- a. The maximum legal diameter for bats shall be 2 3/4".
- b. Subject to the following, in addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in OBA play.
 - i. For all 12U and 13U play, metal bats with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model is permitted. For this division using up to a minus 10 length/weight differential is permitted.
 - ii. For 14U and 15U play, wood bats and non-wood bats may be used. Only non-wood bats with a length-to-weight differential of -5 or less are permitted.
 - iii. For all levels of play 16U and above, only wood, wood composite, and wood-like material bats are permitted. Wood composite bats include wood or bamboo bats with fiberglass sheathing and wood-barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.
- c. All players must use the approved bats for the series in which they are playing regardless of age or gender.

A11.01 APPROVED BASEBALLS

Each year Baseball Ontario will approve a list of baseballs for use in the upcoming season.

MAKE	MODEL	MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED USE
Rawlings	TVB/TVB850	Indoor/Rally Cap
	ROTB1/ROTB5	Indoor/8U/9U
	45CC	Up to 9U
	RTDC/RTD1/ROLB1X	Up to 13U
	65CC	10U to 15U
	80CC	10U to 18U
	ROMLCAN*	All divisions
	ROMC	All divisions
Louisville Slugger Canada	BB93	T-Ball
	BB11	10U to 13U
	BB12	14U to Senior
	BB12-RL	16U to Senior
Mizuno	MB380	12U to Senior
	MB380FS	12U to Senior
Silverstar Sports	818LS	8U-15U

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

A12.01 ARM CARE RULES

- Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care rules listed in A11.01 shall be in force throughout the baseball season and shall apply to all league play and tournament play as sanctioned by Baseball Ontario or any Affiliated Association. *This includes games played outside Ontario and outside Canada, regardless of the tournament's pitch count rules or lack thereof.*
- Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care rules listed in A11.01 shall be enforced at all series 22U and below.
- Pitchers shall be limited to the number of pitches thrown in a single day as outlined below. Pitchers are required to rest in accordance with the chart below as determined by the total number of pitches thrown on any one calendar day.

9U*	11U	13U	15U	18U	22U	REST REQUIRED
1-20	1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
20-35	26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	46-60	1 Day
36-50	41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 Days
N/A	56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 Days

N/A	66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 Days
50	75	85	95	105	115	Daily Max

**Please see RP2.11(m) for 9U player pitching requirements.*

Note: *Please see RP2.11(h) for multiple games in any two consecutive days.*

- d. For the purposes calculating days of rest required, the day after game day is considered Day 1 of the rest period. (ie: If an 11U pitcher throws 27 pitches on Friday, he will be next eligible to pitch again on Sunday).
- e. If a game extends beyond midnight into the next calendar day, any pitches thrown thereafter shall be counted toward the pitch count of the day the game started. If, however, the game is suspended for any reason after midnight, when it resumes, any pitches thrown by any pitcher shall be counted toward the new day.
- f. Intentional walks and balks shall count toward the pitcher's pitch count total if a pitch has been thrown.
- g. Players are permitted to pitch in 2 separate games in the same day as long as they do not exceed the maximum number of pitches that requires **no rest** for their age category in the first game of the day. (ie: If an 11U pitcher throws fewer than 25 pitches in the first game, the player may pitch in a second game.) No player is permitted to pitch in more than 2 games in any two-day period regardless of the number of pitches thrown.
- h. No player may exceed the Daily Maximum for their age category in any two-day period. If a player pitches in two games in a day or on two consecutive days, days rest required shall be calculated using the combined total of the number of pitches thrown.
 - i. **Ex1:** *22U player throws 45 pitches on Friday in a tournament (no rest required). That pitcher is permitted to pitch again on Saturday to a maximum of 70 pitches so as not to exceed 115.*
 - ii. **Ex2:** *In the same scenario as Ex1, the total number of pitches thrown are added together to determine days rest. If the player threw 45 pitches on Friday and 70 pitches on Saturday, the pitcher must rest for 4 days and is next eligible to pitch on Thursday.*
- i. Pitchers will be permitted to complete the at-bat of the batter they are facing when their Daily Maximum pitch limit has been reached but must be removed immediately after (i) the batter is retired, or (ii) the batter becomes a runner, or (iii) the third out of the inning is made.
- j. The total number of pitches thrown by an ambidextrous pitcher shall be charged toward their pitch count regardless of which arm(s), or combination thereof, the pitcher uses to throw.
- k. No player may pitch on three consecutive days unless their total pitch count for the three days does not exceed the number of pitches where no rest is required for that age category. A pitcher may not pitch on 4 consecutive days regardless of pitch count.
- l. Once a player assumes the pitching position, they are no longer eligible to catch for the remainder of the day. Once a player assumes the catcher position, they are no longer eligible to pitch for the remainder of the day.
- m. Any player who is playing in a series higher than their age-appropriate series shall be restricted to the pitch count limitations and required rest periods applicable to the age of the player, provided the following:

- i. Players aged 8 and under and not permitted to pitch in any circumstance.
- ii. 9-year-old players who are **called-up** to play on a 10U or 11U team are not permitted to pitch.
- iii. 9-year-old players who are **rostered** to a 10U or 11U team shall be permitted to pitch with the following limitations:
 - 0 Days Rest: 1-20 Pitches
 - 1 Day Rest: 20-35 Pitches
 - 2 Days Rest: 36-50 Pitches
 - Daily Maximum: 50 Pitches
- n. **Penalty:** For violation of any Arm Care rules as prescribed in A11.01 (c) to (m),
 - i. the Manager the Manager is ejected, and the game is immediately forfeited. The Manager shall receive a one game automatic suspension. If, however, the Official Pitch Counter does not make the Manager & umpire aware of the violation, the game shall not be forfeited but the Manager will still be ejected and suspended.
 - ii. If a pitcher throws during their mandatory days rest period in violation of RP2.11(c), the pitcher's maximum days rest period will reset to the maximum rest period of 4 days from the date of the appearance constituting the violation.
 - iii. In the event that a player pitches on a required rest day and the violation is not caught until after the game, the player shall be required to rest 4 complete days from the day they last pitched, and the Manager will receive an automatic two-game suspension to be served at the next scheduled game of consequence.
 - iv. In any case, if the arm care violation is not caught until after the game, the game will not be retroactively forfeited.
- o. Any player who is playing in a series higher than their age must be identified on the lineup card. Any underage player not identified on the lineup card is ineligible to pitch. Should any such unidentified underage player pitch, the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position and the Manager ejected.
- p. When a player reaches their Daily Maximum pitch count, the manager or coach may remove the pitcher from the pitching position immediately without penalty, regardless of the number of trips already charged to the pitcher during the inning or at-bat.
- q. For all games except tournament play, the home team shall designate an official pitch counter for their team who shall be responsible for tracking the pitches of both teams.
- r. For all OBA sanctioned tournament play, (including Provincial Championships, and Elimination Tournaments), the Home team is responsible for capturing the pitch count in the pitch count app in real-time (either pitch by pitch or at the end of each inning) during the game. Failure to complete this in real-time will result in the game being forfeited to the Away team. Should the game not be captured in real-time as a result of negligence and it is not realized until after the game, the game will not be forfeited but will result in a one-game suspension for the Head Coach. Exception: where cell service is weak or down and the tournament convenor gives permission, games may be entered post-game within 20 minutes following the end of the game.
- s. Notwithstanding A11.01 (r), in all OBA Tournament play, the tournament host may choose to appoint an official pitch counter for the game at their discretion. If a host chooses this option,

and the pitch count is not entered in real-time during the game, the home team will not be penalized. A \$1000 fine will apply to the host.

- t. The official pitch counter must provide the current pitch count upon request by either manager or the umpire.
- u. The official pitch counter shall inform the plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered their Daily Maximum pitch count. The plate umpire shall inform the manager that the pitcher must be removed, (i) immediately if the Daily Maximum threshold has been reached at the end of an at-bat, or (ii) following the completion of the at-bat or inning, subject to A11.01 (h).
 - i. **Note:** *Failure by the Official Pitch Counter to inform the plate umpire of a pitcher reaching their Daily Maximum pitch count does not relieve the Manager of their responsibility to know the pitch count and remove the pitcher. **Penalty:** Failure to remove the pitcher with no notification by the Official Pitch Counter will result in the manager's immediate ejection and the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position immediately and will not be permitted to complete the at-bat. This will be treated as an emergency situation and the incoming pitcher shall receive as many warm-up pitches as the plate umpire deems necessary.*
- v. For all games except tournament play, the Manager (or designate) of the home team shall record the number of pitches thrown for all of both teams' players **within 24 hours** (or before the start of the next game, whichever is earlier) of the game's start time using the OBA Pitch Count Tracker.
- w. The Manager of the opposing team will receive notification of the pitch count entry into the system and will have 24 hours from that time to verify or challenge the pitch count from that game.
 - i. *Any challenge of an official pitch count will be forwarded to the Series Chair for resolution.*
 - ii. *The decision of the Series Chair with regard to Pitch Counts shall be final.*
- x. **Penalty:**
 - i. Failure to enter pitch count results within the specified timelines, as set forth in A11.01 (v), will result in the following penalties:
- y. Any coach or manager whose actions cause a player's pitch counts to be exceeded or not counted as required by these rules, and that action is not identified until after the game is completed, shall be subject to a suspension of not less than 2 games which may be extended at the discretion of the Series Chair.
- z. If a team has no pitchers eligible to pitch in that game, the game is over and the team forfeits. A final score of 7-0 and 7 defensive innings will be recorded for the winning team.

A13.01 FEMALE BASEBALL

- a. Only female players (including those identifying as female as per the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy) are eligible to play Girls Baseball.
- b. A female may, but is not required to, register with both a Girls Baseball team and a non-Girls Baseball team.
- c. Where the Local Association in whose territory the female lives offers both Girls Baseball and non-Girls Baseball teams, the female may register with either a Girls Baseball team or a non-Girls

Baseball team or both in such Local Association and on the basis of such registration play on any team from such Local Association for which she is eligible to play based upon her age.

- d. Where the Local Association in which the female lives does not offer Girls Baseball, the female may register for non-Girls Baseball with such Local Association and Girls Baseball with another Local Association without a release being required from the Local Association in whose territory the female lives.
- e. Except as provided for in this clause i), a female player requires a release in accordance with the provisions of section RP1.5 in the same manner as a male player.
- f. Female athletes have the option of playing one-year overage in all divisions.
- g. Rep-rostered female players are allowed to participate on a Select team.
- h. PSWA (provincial Women's Softball Associations) carded players are eligible to participate on a Rep or Select team.

A14.01 FIELD DIMENSIONS

Series	Mound	Bases	Diagonal	RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES				
				Foul Area	Outfield Fence			Grass Radius
					Left	Centre	Right	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Regulation	60' 6"	90' 0"	127' 3 3/8"	60'	325'	400'	325'	95'
16U Girls (16U)	55' 0"	82' 0"	115' 11 5/8"	55'	300'	365'	300'	85'
13U (13U)	50' 0"	75' 0"	106' 3/4"	50'	270'	335'	270'	80'
13U Girls (13U)	50' 0"	75' 0"	106' 3/4"	50'	270'	335'	270'	80'
11U (11U)	44' 0"	65' 0"	91' 11"	44'	235'	290'	235'	70'
9U	44' 0" ‡	65' 0"	91' 11"	44'	235'	290'	235'	70'
T-Ball (6U)	50' 0"	60' 0"	84' 10 1/4"	40'	215'	265'	215'	50' +

+ – measured from the centre of the Playing Line. ‡ – located at the centre point of an 8' diameter safety circle.
The respective dimensions for any Series shall be deemed to include the corresponding Minor Series, except where noted.

A15.01 AMENDMENTS

- a. Amendments to these OBA Procedures and Playing Rules may be proposed by:
 - i. the Board of Directors; or
 - ii. the Rep Council; or
 - iii. the Select Council; or
 - iv. an Affiliated Association in good standing; or
 - v. a Loop Association in good standing; or
 - vi. a Select community baseball association in good standing.
- b. Proposed amendments must be submitted at the OBA Office by a deadline set by the Board.
- c. Proposed amendments to sections A1.01 through A6.01, and A15.01 shall be approved by Members as follows:

All Rep Members, Select Members, Board Members and Local Members shall have the right to vote with the voting points assigned to them in the OBA By-laws. Changes will be approved by a simple majority of eligible voters present.
- d. Proposed amendments to sections A6.01 through A14.01 can be approved by Board of Directors.

Baseball Ontario Select Division

Procedures and Playing Rules

S1.01 GENERAL

- a. In addition to the provisions of the OBA By-Laws and the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules, select play shall be governed by the provisions of the Procedures and Playing Rules of the Select Division, which may not include any provision that conflicts with the OBA By-Laws or the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules.
- b. To the extent that there is any conflict between the OBA By-Laws, the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and/or the Select Procedures and Playing Rules, the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules shall prevail.
- c. The Select Procedures and Playing Rules as shown in this document are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the Commissioner in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Council, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement with regard to all the circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final.
- d. The Select Division acknowledges that the OBA Board of Directors is empowered to impose rule changes in the best interests of baseball as per paragraph A1.01(e) of the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules.
- e. Any Select member association and/or officers of same, which fails to uphold the rulings and enforce the decisions of the OBA will leave said Select Member Association, and/or officers open to suspension by the OBA.

S1.02 SELECT DIVISION

- a. The Select Division shall work:
 - i. to enhance the quality of select baseball for the youth of Ontario while stressing the values of sportsmanship, athleticism, teamwork, and fair play; and
 - ii. To foster the “select” philosophy of play, where all eligible team players at a game must play in the game unless removed due to injury or ejection.
- b. The Select Division shall regulate competition throughout the province at the select level, including provincial championships.
- c. Select baseball is defined as the game of baseball played by the amended baseball rules as approved by the Select Council for all sanctioned select tournaments and championships.
- d. A select player shall be defined as:
 - i. playing regularly on a dedicated select team playing in a loop; and/or
 - ii. playing regularly on a dedicated house league team playing in a local community house league;
 - iii. registered as a player by the local community baseball association;

- iv. agreeing to abide by the Select Procedures and Playing Rules of sanctioned select events.
- e. The following players are ineligible to play select:
 - i. Rep
 - ii. Elite
 - iii. PBLO
 - iv. from Programs not recognized by Baseball Ontario
- f. No player may be disqualified from playing on a Select Division team for reason of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

S1.03 SELECT MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

- a. Membership shall be open to all local community baseball associations within the province, which meet all the criteria as specified in the Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules, and any applicable Select Division Policies.
- b. A club or organization shall be defined as a structured group which provides a recognized baseball program within the guidelines of this Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules. Each request for membership shall be reviewed and approved by the Select Council on an individual basis to ensure that each club and/or association understands the requirements of the Select Division, its Select Playing Rules and the mandate of the Select Council.
- c. Members may also be members of other organizations or associations if they do not conflict with the mission and objectives of the Select Division.
- d. Managers, coaches, Select Council members, and Select Member Association board members shall immediately disqualify themselves for participation within Baseball Ontario's Select Division and its Select Member Associations, if they are directly involved in any way with non-recognized programs within the Province of Ontario as defined in the Ontario Baseball Association Bylaws.
- e. Members shall be in good standing with:
 - i. all fees paid in full by June 30th of the current playing season;
 - ii. all fines paid prior to the Select AGM.
- f. All team player rosters of member associations in good standing must be submitted by June 30th, failure to comply will result in a fine of \$50.00 per team.
- g. For all membership definitions, please refer to the Select Membership Policy.
- h. Member community baseball associations shall designate a delegate and an alternate who will represent them at meetings of members.
- i. Names of the delegate and alternate shall be submitted to the OBA Office. They must be received on the letterhead of the local community association and shall be in effect until an alternate appointment or resignation is received, from the club or association, by the Select Division.
- j. Both the delegate and the alternate must be 18 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year.

S1.04 SELECT COUNCIL STRUCTURE

S1.04.1 SELECT COUNCIL

- a. The affairs of the Select Division shall be managed by the Select Council.
- b. The Select Commissioner, Select Vice Commissioner and ten (10) Select Councillors shall be elected to serve on the Select Council.
- c. The term of each newly elected council member will begin at the next duly called meeting of the Select Council following the election.
- d. The Select Council shall elect an Operational Committee to manage the day-to-day operations of the Select Division.
- e. The Operational Committee shall be appointed by the Select Commissioner from the Select Council Members.
- f. The Select Operational Committee shall consist of up to five (5) members and the positions shall be that of Select Commissioner, Select Vice Commissioner, Select Budget Chair and Select Immediate Past Commissioner, and one Select Councillor.
- g. The Select Council shall structure, appoint and mandate Committees and members of Committees as required.
- h. Additional Select Councillors may be appointed to the Select Council to serve on the Select Council as required up to a maximum of fifteen (15) council members.
- i. A local community baseball association (member) can only have one (1) elected representative to the Select Council at any time.
- j. The President and Vice President of the OBA are deemed to be voting ex-officio members of Select Council.

S1.04.2 SELECT TERMS OF OFFICE AND SELECT ELECTIONS

- a. The Select Commissioner will be elected at the OBA Annual Meeting in accordance with the OBA By-laws.
- b. Nominations for Select Vice Commissioner and Select Councillors shall be submitted annually to the OBA Office by a deadline established by the Board of Directors. Any Select Member in good standing may submit a nomination. **Note:** Until the end of the 2023 Select Annual Division Meeting, nominations for Select Councillors will also be accepted from the floor.
- c. All terms for elected Select Councillors shall be for two (2) years. These terms of office shall be staggered so that five (5) positions on the Select Council shall come open each year.
- d. Vacancies filled by appointment will serve out the elected incumbent's term of office or until the next election whichever comes first.
- e. Operational Committee and other Committee appointments shall be for a term not to exceed one year from date of appointment or as specified by the Select Council.
- f. Any member of the Select Council who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the Select Council are satisfactory, shall have their voting rights forfeited. After two (2) consecutive absences the member in question will be notified. After three

(3) consecutive absences their Select Council position may be rescinded subject to a vote by the Select Council.

- g. The Immediate Past Select Commissioner or designate of the Select Council will be responsible for determining a list of individuals indicating a willingness to stand for office.
- h. The Immediate Past Select Commissioner or designate will be responsible for conducting elections at the Select Annual Division Meeting with the assistance of individuals that are not standing for office.
- i. All nominees must be an accredited delegate or alternate of a member's association and must either be present in person or have provided a written consent to stand to be filed by the nominator.
- j. No member shall hold more than one elected Operational position of the Select Council at any one time
- k. Elections for Select Council will be conducted by ballot.

S1.04.3 SELECT VOTING

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

S1.04.5 SELECT LIFE MEMBERS

- a. The Select Council may grant Select Life Memberships. The criteria for granting a Select life membership is ten (10) years or more of faithful service by the individual and the desire on the part of the proposed Select Life Member to remain active in the affairs of the Select Council in an official capacity. The number of Select Life Members will have no limit. Select Life Members will be allocated no more than three (3) representatives on the Select Council.
- b. Select Honourary Member: The Select Council may name any of the past serving Select Council members as a Select Honourary Member in order that the individual may assist the Select Council in the convening of its Annual Select Division Provincial Tournaments.
- c. A maximum of three (3) Select Life Members positions will be included in the Select Council. Select Life Member Councillors will be duly nominated and voted on by those holding the Select Life Member designation.

S1.05 DUTIES OF COUNCILLORS

- a. The Select Council shall be responsible for the overall direction of the Select Division
- b. The Select Council shall approve all policies of the Select Division.
- c. Select Council Past Presidents will have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a select Past Commissioner.
- d. The duties and responsibilities of the Operational Committee are as follows:

Select Immediate Past Commissioner

1. The Select Immediate Past Commissioner shall serve on the Operational Committee and the Select Council in an advisory capacity with voting privileges.

Select Commissioner

1. The Select Commissioner shall serve as chairperson of the Operational Committee and the Select Council.
2. Function as the chief operational officer for the Select Division.
3. Ensure Meetings are called as specified.
4. Ensure Meeting agendas are prepared.
5. Carry out the policies and procedures as specified and outlined by the Select Council.

Select Vice Commissioner

1. The Select Vice Commissioner shall assist the Select Commissioner to carry out his/her duties.
2. In the event that the Select Commissioner cannot carry out his/her duties for any reason, the Select Vice Commissioner shall act on his/her behalf and execute the Select Commissioner's responsibilities within the rules of this document.
3. The Select Vice-Commissioner shall fulfill the duties outlined for the Select Vice-Commissioner in Select Division policies.

Select Budget Chair

1. Responsible for all financial affairs of the Select Division.
2. Chair of the Financial Committee.
3. Ensure the proper financial procedures are in place.
4. Ensure that proper records are kept and circulated appropriately.
5. Fulfill the duties outlined for the Select Budget Chair in Select Division policies.

S1.07 MEETINGS

S1.07.1 SELECT ANNUAL MEETING

- a. The Select Annual Division Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Rep Annual Division Meeting.
- b. Adequate notice shall be given to all Select Members of the time and place of the Select Annual Division Meeting (no less than 30 days prior to the meeting).
- c. A quorum shall be defined as fifteen (15) voting members present.
- d. Proxy votes are not allowed.
- e. The incumbent Select Commissioner or designate shall act as chairperson of the Select Annual Meeting, except with respect to elections which will be chaired by the Select Immediate Past Commissioner or designate.
- f. Unless otherwise provided in this Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules, all matters calling for a vote shall be determined by a majority show of hands of the voting members present except where a member requests voting to be held in another form. Approval of the alternate form of voting requires ratification by a majority of members and applies only to the specified motion.
- g. Proceedings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise stated.
- h. The order of business of the Select Annual Division Meeting shall be as follows:
 - i. Reports on the Select Division
 - ii. Amendments to the Select Procedures and Playing rules
 - iii. Announcements
 - iv. Election of Select Council

S1.07.2 SELECT COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

S1.07.3 SELECT SPECIAL DIVISION MEETINGS

- a. The Chair must call a Select Special Division Meeting when:
 - i. Requested to do so by a majority of the members of the Select Council.
 - ii. Requested to do so in writing by 25% of the members of the Select Division.
 - iii. Matters or events, in his/her discretion, warrant the meeting.

- b. Adequate notice shall be given to all Select Members of the time and place of the Select Special Division Meeting (no less than 30 days prior to the meeting).

S1.08 AMENDMENTS

- a. Articles of the Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules may only be amended at the Select Annual Division Meeting, or a Select Special Division Meeting called for that purpose.
- b. Select Members desiring to amend the Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules shall submit such amendment(s) in writing, signed by the proponents to the OBA Office by October 25th.
- c. Amendments must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by voting members present.
- d. At a Select Annual Meeting, the Select Council may propose a resolution for an experiment that differs from the Select Procedures and Playing Rules. This experiment may be put into effect as an experiment for no more than 2 years. In order to be adopted, the resolution must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of the resolution and would be subject to annual review by the Select Council. Any references in the Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress. Once the time period for the experiment has expired, unless an amendment to the Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules is adopted with respect to the subject matter of the experiment, the resolution shall be of no further force and effect and the suspension of any references in the Select Division Procedures and Playing Rules shall be removed.
- e.

S1.10 RULE CHANGES

- a. For the purposes of S1.08, "Playing Rules" shall include the Select Provincial Tournament Rules & Regulations and the Select Division Sanctioned Tournament Rules.
- b. All proposed changes to the Playing Rules must be submitted by:
 - i. A member Local Association, or
 - ii. A member Loop Association, or
 - iii. A member of Select Council
- c. All proposed rule changes must be submitted to the Baseball Ontario Office no later than October 25th annually. The Baseball Ontario Office will distribute proposed rules changes to all Member Local Associations and Member Loop Associations within 7 days.

S1.13 SELECT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. Depending on the number of entrants, the OBA shall offer for annual competition Select Provincial Championships at 9U, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U, and 22U.
- b. At the discretion of Select Council, and depending on the number of entrants, Select Provincial Championships may be segregated into separate championships between Dedicated Select teams and House League Select teams.

- c. Each recognized Select Loop with teams at a particular age category shall be awarded a minimum of one entry into the Select Provincial Championship at such age category. In the discretion of the Select Council, Select Loops may be awarded multiple spots in the Select Provincial Championships.
- d. Where a Select team plays in a Select Loop, such team may not be awarded a Direct Entry into a Select Provincial Championship. Instead, the Select Loop in which they participate may be awarded multiple spots in the Select Provincial Championship. Select teams participating in a Select Loop through interlock must qualify for Select Provincial Championships through their own regional requirements or play-offs.
- e. Host teams and non-loop teams are not subject to S1.11(d)
- f. Select Provincial Championships shall be played in accordance with the Select Provincial Tournament Rules & Regulations published annually by Select Council.

Select Rule Book: Provincial Tournament Rules & Regulations

SP1 Official Rules

- a. The playing rules for all schedules games within the OBA Select Division Provincial Championship shall be the “Official Rules of Baseball” except as detailed below.
- b. OBA Select Division Provincial Tournament Rules cannot be changed or amended without approval of the OBA Select Council.

SP2 Eligibility

- a. The following players are ineligible to play Select:
 - i. Rep Division of Baseball Ontario
 - ii. Elite Baseball League of Ontario (EBLO)
 - iii. Premier Baseball League of Ontario (PBLO)
 - iv. Canadian Premier Baseball League (CPBL)
 - v. From programs not recognized by Baseball Ontario
- b. Teams must be from member associations that have both paid their membership by the June 30th deadline & that the association has also submitted roster for all of their select teams by June 30th. Only players listed on the June 30th roster are eligible for the Provincials Championship unless otherwise excepted under SP2(d). Select Council may consider requests for exceptions. Roster Exemption requests may be submitted to the Select Council for review no later than June 30th. (B) Recognized Select Loops with a direct entry to Provincials must have paid their membership, provided a complete list of all teams by division playing in loop, as well as making payment for all division playoffs by June 30th.

- c. At 18U only, a maximum of 3 15U call-ups will be eligible to play. 15U call-ups may not pitch for an 18U team during a Provincial Championship. All call-ups must meet Select player eligibility rules as outlined in SP2.
- d. At all ages, a maximum of 3 call-ups from the same local association's house league will be eligible to play and not pitch. These call-ups are eligible for sanctioned tournaments only, not provincial championships.
- e. In order to be eligible to compete in Sanctioned Tournaments, Provincial Qualifiers, and Provincial Championships, 50% of the players on the roster must live within the Association's boundaries. If the roster does not meet this 50% rule, an exception request may be filed with the OBA Select Council prior to the June 30th roster deadline. The request will be reviewed by the OBA Select Council.
- f. Where a player of a younger age is rostered with a team at an older age category, such player shall be considered a player of the older age division at which he is rostered and not eligible to play with a younger ages team. This exception does not apply to pitching rules – the player is still restricted to pitch counts and days rest for his natural age. See SP5.5.

SP3 Team Roster

- a. In order to be on a Select roster after June 30th, all coaches and field managers must meet the certification requirements as set out by Select Council. Select Council shall publish annually a list of certification requirements by the Annual Division Meeting.
- 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 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.
- a. Penalty: If an ineligible coach (ie: does not have the correct coaching certifications, is not currently on an approved roster, or has been removed from the roster for any reason) is performing an on-field or dugout coaching role, they will be immediately removed from the game. The incident shall be reported to the OBA Select Council for disciplinary action which may include fines or suspension for the Local Association or Member.
- b. A first aider may be added to a Select Roster as per the Baseball Ontario Policy.
- c. All teams should register with the onsite convenor at least ONE HOUR prior to their first game.
- d. A copy of the team roster listing all players, coaches and including sweater numbers must be presented to the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor at the time of registration.

- e. All roster submissions must designate whether the team is Dedicated Select (DS) or House League Select (HS).
- f. A copy of each player's government issued documentation that identifies proof of birthdate must be available.
- g. There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 rostered coaches on the bench.
- h. 22U players are required to provide proof of age using government issued photo identification. i.e. drivers licence, photo health card, etc.
- i. Age Limitations - *The levels are as follows:*

LEVEL	AGE OF PLAYER AS OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE CURRENT PLAYING SEASON
9U	9 years old or younger
11U	11 years old or younger
13U	13 years old or younger
15U	15 years old or younger
18U	18 years old or younger
22U	22 years old or younger

- j. The home team will supply the official scorekeeper and a pitch count tracker if one is not supplied by the tournament officials. Prior to the start of each game, a line-up card listing all players and coaches first and last names with uniform numbers must be provided to the home plate umpire, scorekeeper & Pitch count recorder, and exchanged with the opposing team.
- k. The official scorekeeper supplied by the home team must turn in the game score sheet (white copy) & the pitching count sheet (pitches checked off by individual pitch) to the on-site convenor at the end of the game.
- l. Any player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the batting order, provided the game has not completed 2 innings.
- m. All eligible players present at the game shall be listed on the team's line-up card and must play a minimum of two complete innings in a defensive position within the first four innings, unless injured during that game. Any exception to this rule must be brought to the attention of the convenor, umpire, and opposing team while the violation is eligible to be enforced. (PENALTY – the game is a forfeit and the manager/coach suspended for the remainder of the game plus next game.) Exception: in the event a mercy has occurred after 3½ innings and the home team has players who have not completed the second of their two full defensive innings, this will not be considered an infraction.
- n. No player will be listed on the game line-up if that player is unable to play a defensive position. All players listed on the line-up sheet will bat. Players listed on the official score sheet and official

pitch tracking sheet must have first and last names as well as a sweater number (PENALTY – manager/coach suspended for the remainder of the game plus next game).

- o. All players will bat in the order as presented to the umpire and the official scorekeeper prior to the start of each game.
- p. Clarification of “injured during that game.” Any player leaving the field due to an injury must remain out of the game for at least a complete defensive inning before re-entering the game in a defensive position. A player unable to take their turn at bat, after having been removed from the field due to an injury, will be removed from the line-up and further play in the game (this is not an out nor is it considered batting out of a turn). If the team no longer has a minimum of 9 players, the game is a forfeit.
- q. A batter or runner may not have a pinch runner unless injured during their turn as a batter or runner. The designated pinch runner will be the last recorded out. If this occurs before any outs, then the designated pinch runner will be the last out from the previous inning.

SP5.1 Pitching Rules

- a. In 11U games the number of trips to the mound by a manager/coach shall not be limited except where the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- b. In 13U games, a third trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher’s automatic removal from the pitching position.
- c. In 11U & 13U games, a pitcher once removed from the pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may continue in the game at another position other than catcher and shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- d. In 15U and up games, a second trip to the mound by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher’s automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- e. At the 11U division, Balks are not to be called. Should a pitcher balk, (e.g. double set or not pause) umpires will indicate such infractions to the coach between innings. At the 13U division, Pitchers will receive one balk warning. Base runners will not be disadvantaged as a result of a balk warning.
- f. No balk warnings will be issued at 15U and up.

SP6 Curfew

- a. The number of innings in a complete game will be seven for 11U-22U. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning that has occurred.
- b. No New Inning will start after one and three quarter (1¾) hours from the first pitch. At the 15U-22U levels, no new inning will start after 2 hours from the first pitch. However, if a new inning starts prior to the time curfew, the inning must be completed. Exception: If the visiting team is unable to tie or go ahead of the home team after having played the top half of an inning that

extended beyond the curfew, then the game is considered complete and the home team does not go to bat as they have already won the game.

- c. The official start time is to be determined by the umpire and reported to the official game scorekeeper. The umpire's time piece or designated time piece will be considered final.
- d. The Championship game(s) are not subject to the time curfew limits and will be full games to determine a winner except where the mercy rule is applicable
- e. In the event of a delay during tournament play due to rain or darkness and prior to that game becoming official (3½ or 4 innings. See Mercy Rule below), the game will be suspended and the curfew clock stops. The clock will resume at the recommencement of play.
- f. The game will be resumed from the point of suspension for the balance of the time available. The defensive team must resume their exact position on the field.
- g. The scheduled starting time may be at the discretion of the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor.
- h. An official game will be 7 innings or time expired or mercy rules are applied.

SP7 Mercy Rule

- a. An 18 run mercy will apply after 3 innings, 15 run mercy will apply after 4 innings and a 10 run mercy will apply after 5 innings. If the home team reaches or exceeds the mercy threshold at any time during the inning, the game is complete and the home team is declared the winner once the mercy is achieved.
- b. If the visiting team is ahead by the 18 run mercy after 3 innings, 15 run mercy after 4 innings or 10 run mercy after 5 innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner and the game is complete.

SP8.1 General

- a. At the beginning of each game, the home and visiting team designation will be decided by a coin toss. The team coming the greater distance will make the call.
- b. Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to field a team of at least 9 players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game (or have fewer than 9 players at any point during the game), the game will be forfeited to the other team and a 7-0 score will be recorded. Under extenuating circumstances, the offending team may appeal to the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor. The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenors decision will be final.
- c. No smoking or use of tobacco products, alcohol, or non-prescription drug is permitted on the playing field, in the dug outs, or in the immediate vicinity of the dugouts (this applies to coaches, players & umpires). City smoking bylaws must be obeyed.
 - i. Players, coaches & umpires in uniform must refrain from using any tobacco products during all games.
- d. Players, coaches & umpires in uniform must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs other than over the counter or doctor prescribed medications.
- e. PENALTY for (a) and (b) will be immediate ejection for players or coaches and may result in loss of accreditation for umpires.

f. Protests

- i. A protest Committee shall be established by the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor in consultation with the Select Council Operational Committee.
 - ii. Protests based on umpires' judgement decisions will not be permitted. A protest based on an umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the umpire before the game resumes and the opposing team must be advised by the umpire prior to resumption.
 - iii. Any protest once a game has started, that requires resolution, will be settled on the field at the time the problem occurs. Game delays due to protests do not invalidate the curfew (the clock keeps moving).
 - iv. Should the protest involve a decision by the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor, they will not be a member of the Protest Committee but will be afforded the opportunity to present information related to the protest.
 - v. Before any protest is heard, the team will pay a \$75 cash protest fee. Should the protest be upheld, the fee will be refunded.
- g. The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor has the ultimate authority relating to any matter that requires a ruling or clarification.
- h. Ejections: Each manager and head coach is responsible for the behaviour of all players, coaches, and spectators with their team. Should all present, roster listed coaches be ejected, the game will be forfeited.
- i. In the event a player or coach is ejected from a game, the individual must leave the diamond and no longer be involved in that game. The player, coach, or manager ejected from the game is suspended for the next scheduled game.
- j. The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor will review all ejections for possible additional suspensions. If any additional discipline is required, the player/coach will be notified prior to the completion of the team's next scheduled game. However, it is the responsibility of the head coach to find out about the possible increased suspensions of any suspended coaches or players.
- k. The umpire of the game where an ejection occurs, shall report verbally to the convenor immediately after the game ends (or is suspended) and files an ejection report with the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor of the tournament within 2 days (or the umpire is suspended).
- l. The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor reserves the right to alter and/or revise any start times necessary to ensure completion of the games.
- m. No infield warm-up will be allowed. All pre-game warm-ups may take place on the outfield grass (if available) or at other safe and appropriate locations.
- n. A defensive player may be substituted for the purposes of warming up to come in to pitch. The player must assume the pitching position either during the inning of the substitution, or at the start of the next defensive inning. Note: The player being substituted for and the player coming in will be considered to have played a complete inning for the purposes of SP3(m).

- o. Teams should be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they players until the start of their next game. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the required game interval. *Teams must be given 60 minutes between their 2nd and 3rd games in one day.* Teams have the option to waive or reduce rest time.
- p. Diamond Layout

DIVISION	BASE DISTANCE	PITCHING DISTANCE
9U	65'	44'
11U	65	44'
13U	75'	50'
15U	90'	60'6" (mound required)
18U & Up	90'	60'6" (mound required)

- q. OBA Select Division, hosting Baseball Associations and the host cities will not accept responsibility for accidents, injuries or loss during this tournament.
- r. Bat boys / girls are not permitted.
- s. Umpires must be OBA certified and in good standing. If any umpire used in a tournament is found not to be registered with the OBA and games are played using the umpire, results will stand but the host will be fined \$250.00 per incident and may be refused to host any tournaments the following year.

SP8.2 Equipment

- a. All players and coaches will be dressing in a baseball team uniform as issued by their home association; minimum coach's uniform being long pants, and association issued golf shirt or t-shirt with a number and a cap (Association logo or name must be identifiable). No sandals are permitted on the diamond.
- b. Metal cleats will be allowed from 15U-22U levels only.
- c. All catchers are required to wear a mask with throat protector, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, a cup and cup-type protector during the game and warm-ups in all divisions. In 9U the use of a catcher's mitt is optional.
- d. Coaches or players warming up pitchers either on the field between innings or in the bullpen must wear a protective mask.
- e. It is mandatory that all players wear a protective athletic support.
- f. The batter shall wear a prescribed protective helmet with ear flaps covering both ears while on deck, at bat, or running the bases. The helmet may not be removed until the batter is retired, has

crossed home plate and left the field of play or the half inning has been completed. Should the batter/runner remove the helmet before leaving the field while the ball is in play, they will be declared out. In 9U, 11U, 13U helmet straps are mandatory unless there is a manufacturer's installed face guard (C-Flap) worn as designed by the manufacturer.

- g. At 15U – 22U levels, batting helmet chin straps are optional.

SP9 11U Specific Rules

The following rules apply to 11U games:

- a. Home base shall be marked by a five-sided slab of rubber. It shall be a 21-inch square with two of the corners removed so that the front edge is 21-inches wide and the back of the plate comes to a point at the intersection of the lines extending from home base to first base and to third base.
- b. A team's turn at bat in an inning will end after three outs have been recorded or four runs have been scored. The last inning will have an eight run maximum. On any play where the last allowed run in an inning is the result of the ball leaving the playing field and the awarding of home base (ie: home run, overthrow, etc) results in more than the maximum runs allowed in an inning scoring, all awarded runs will score; this only applies to dead-ball awards.
 - **Example 1:** Bases loaded, 2 outs. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a groundball to the shortstop who overthrows first base. The ball goes out of play. Because this is the first play by an infielder, by rule, all runners are awarded two bases from the time of the pitch. Two runs will score for a total of five runs this inning.
 - **Example 2:** Runners on second and third base. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a ball in the gap between outfielders. Despite the fact that two runs would have scored easily, because the ball stayed in play, the inning ends when the runner from third touches home plate. 1 run scores on the play and a total of four runs for this inning are recorded.
 - **Example 3:** Runners on second and third. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a ball down the left field line which rolls past an out of play line. The ball is dead and this is a two-base award so two runs score on this play with a total of five runs for this inning.
- c. A 10U/11U game ends when the time limit is reached and a full inning has been completed. If the time limit passes during an inning, such inning will be the last however it will not be treated as the last inning for the purposes of the 8-run maximum rule. If a new inning is started within 15 minutes of the time limit, the umpire will declare that inning to be the last inning and the 8-run maximum will apply.
- d. An 18 run mercy rule will apply after 3 innings; 15 run mercy rule will apply after 4 innings; a 10 run mercy rule will apply after 5 innings; and a 9 run mercy rule will apply after 6 innings. If the

home team leads after the top half of any such inning, the game shall be considered a mercy and the home team will not bat.

- a. Unlimited substitutions defensively are allowed (including for injury or official ejection). Note SP3.11 still applies - All eligible players present at the game shall be listed on the team's line-up card and must play a minimum of two complete innings in a defensive position within the first four innings, unless injured during that game.
- b. The number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach shall not be limited except when, in the judgement of the umpire, the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- c. Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and runners may not advance. 1 warning will be issued and for any further infractions thereafter, the runner will be called out. (Each team to receive 1 warning).
- d. If a player is removed from the game due to injury, illness or official ejection, the player's spot in the batting order shall be deleted. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury, official ejection, or has to leave for any reason during the time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the balls and strikes count at the time the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall then take his/her regular turn at bat.
- e. If a runner is removed by reason of injury or official ejection from the game, the player last put out shall act as pinch runner for the removed player. By virtue of the rule there shall be no pinch runners allowed.
- f. The batter shall not become a runner when a third strike is not legally caught by the catcher. The ball remains live and all other runners may advance at their own risk.

SP10 Tournament Rules

SP10.1 Double Knock Out Tournaments

- a. The Select Provincial Championship Tournament is a double knockout format. Only once during the tournament may three rounds be played on one day. All games must have a winner, and extra innings may be played past their inning or time curfews to establish a winner as required.
 - i. Please note: there are specific rules applying to 9U play as well as these general tournament rules applying to all OBA Select Division Provincial Tournament participants.
- b. Byes are to be awarded as follows:
- c. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
- d. No team shall receive second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
- e. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
- f. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.

SP10.2 Round Robin Tournaments

- a. Standing will be determined by number of points obtained:
Win = 2 pts, Tie = 1 pt. Loss = 0 pts.

- b. The following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
 - 1. Teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers;
 - 2. Head to head record among tied teams;
 - 3. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - 4. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
 - 5. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - 6. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
 - 7. Coin toss
- c. When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will exclude (b)(2). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, excluding (b)(2) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at (b)(1).

SP10.3 Time Between Games

- a. Teams should be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played until the start of their next game. Teams must be given 60 minutes between their second & third game of the day. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30-minute period. Teams entitled to rest period have the right to wave or reduce the time period.
- b. A suspended game shall count as a game on both days if 3 or more innings are played on both days. If less than 3 innings have been played on either day, that day shall not count toward the 2 games in a day.
- c. At 22U and below, no team shall play more than 2 games in a calendar day. A suspended game shall count as a game on both days if 3 or more innings are played on both days. If less than 3 innings are played on either day, that day shall not count toward the 2 games in a day. On the final day of the tournament, a maximum of 3 games may be played.
- d. A forfeit under SP8(w) will result in the following:
 - i. In Select Provincial Championship Tournaments, the game will be forfeited to the other team and the offending team will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. The game will not count as a bye in the tournament for future bye rules.
 - ii. In Select Sanctioned Tournaments, where applicable, teams forfeit their rights to participate in any tie breaker.
 - iii. The game will not count as a bye in the tournament for application of bye rules.
 - iv. The game will not count as a game played for maximum number of games played in a day.

SP10.4 Teams Dropping Out of Provincial Championship Tournament

- a. Where a team drops out of a provincial championship tournament 72 hours or more prior to the start of the tournament, the schedule for the tournament will be redone. If a team drops out of a provincial championship tournament less than 72 hours prior to the tournament and the schedule for the tournament has been published, the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor has the ultimate authority to change the schedule as per section SP8(g).
- b. When the schedule is not redrawn and a team receives a forfeit win in the first two rounds, directly resulting from a team withdrawal. This forfeit, counts as a bye for future bye rule considerations. No other forfeits are counted as byes.

SP10.5 Extra Inning Rule

The following extra inning procedure will be used when the game is tied at the end of regulation play for Select Division Provincial Tournaments & where local hosts require game winners for Select Sanctioned Tournaments:

- a. Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- b. The placement of runners of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended.
 - i. The hitter with the last plate appearance in the previous inning will be placed at first base.
 - ii. The hitter with the second-to-last plate appearance in the previous inning will be placed at second base.
- c. The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.
- d. All other Official Baseball Rules and Baseball Ontario rules remain in effect during extra innings. Example: If the last inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance, then the extra inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.

For Select Sanctioned Tournaments, where a winner is not required by the hosts rules, the curfew rule in Section 6 still applies.

SP11 9U Specific Rules

The following rules apply specifically to the 9U division in addition to the other tournament rules stated herein:

Prior to the start of each game, a player line-up (maximum 18 players) with sweater numbers, and first and last names listed must be provided to the scorekeeper.

SP11.1 9U Pitching Rules:

- a. A Circle; 8 feet in diameter with its center at 44 feet from the home plate, will surround the pitching machine. The pitcher must stand beside the pitching machine outside the safety circle and behind the release point of the pitching machine. Lines should be drawn from the release point to 4 ft. beyond the circle. The pitcher must have both feet on the white line or within 4 ft. behind the line until the ball is release from the machine.
- b. The machine speed will be set at 40 mph. The pitching machine speeds cannot be altered except at the end of an inning. If the flight of the ball becomes erratic, it may be corrected at the direction of the umpire. This may be done at any time. If any adjustment of the pitching machine is done between innings, both teams will be notified. A coach will operate the machine. A regulation baseball approved for 11U will be used.
- c. **The Safety Circle and Balls Hitting the Pitching Machine:**
 - i. If a batted ball hits the machine, pitching coach, or any apparatus within the pitching circle, the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base, and all other runners will advance if forced.
 - ii. If a thrown ball hits the pitching machine, pitching coach, or any apparatus within the pitching circle, the ball is dead and bases will be awarded according to the Official Baseball Rules pertaining to overthrows.
 - iii. If a player enters the safety circle to retrieve a batted ball, the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base, and all other runners advance if forced.
 - iv. If a player enters the safety circle to retrieve a thrown ball, the ball is dead and bases will be awarded according to the Official Baseball Rules pertaining to overthrows.
- d. The pitcher must stand beside or behind the pitching machine outside the safety circle. The pitcher must wear a regulation bating helmet designed by the manufacturer with a face mask and chin strap attached to protect from an errant ball that hits the machine.
- e. Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 hittable pitches. If the batter does not hit a fair ball with in 5 pitches, he will be declared out. If the 5th pitch is a foul ball and is caught before hitting the ground, the batter will be declared out. The batter will not be called out if the 5th and subsequent pitches are called a foul and not caught. The batter may receive an additional pitch until he puts the ball in play, or hits another foul. If he misses the subsequent pitch, he is out.
- f. A strike is a pitch which the batter swings at and misses or is a foul ball. There are no called strikes.
- g. A pitch which is over the batter's head or bounces in the dirt will be ruled a "no pitch" unless the batter swings at the pitch.
- h. Batters can not obtain a base on balls.
- i. To stop defensive play, any infielder who has control of the ball and is standing with in the understood boundaries of the infield, can ask for time to be called. Note: the ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infield may ask for time. Time will be granted at the umpire's discretion and may not be not be granted if a baseball play is underway.

SP11.2 9U Play

- a. The number of the innings in a complete game will be 7 for 9U. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning that has occurred.
- b. All players present shall be listed on the teams batting line-up and shall bat in that order. Any player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has completed two innings. (PENALTY – the game is a forfeit and the manager/coach suspended for the remainder of the game plus next game.)
- c. A game forfeit will be declared and a score of 7 – 0 will be recorded if a team is unable to field a team of 9 players at the scheduled starting time, or at any time of the game.
- d. Bunting is not permitted. Batter will be declared out.
- e. Stealing is not permitted. Runner will be declared out.
- f. Runners may not lead-off until the ball is hit. Runner will be declared out.
- g. Base runners may only advance on a ball which is hit in fair territory or a foul ball caught in play. Usual rules apply about tagging up before advancing and at their own risk would apply to caught foul balls. Base runners may not advance on a passed ball or a pitched ball returned to the pitcher by the catcher.
- h. An inning will end when three outs are made or a maximum of 7 runs have been scored. On any play where the last run is scored, all awarded runs will be counted beyond the 7 run threshold. This only applies to dead ball awards such as overthrows out of play, or home runs over the fence.
- i. The infield fly out does not apply.
- j. All catchers are required to wear full catcher's equipment during the game and during warm-ups. Use of a catcher's mitt is optional.
- k. A defensive coach may call one infield conference per inning.
- l. MERCY: If the home team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 3½ innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. If the visiting team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 4 or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner.
- m. The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct the batter before feeding the machine, but shall not instruct runners during the play (PENALTY – the coach shall be warned. If the action continues, the coach will be ejected from the game.)
- n. The coach operating the machine is required to wear a baseball helmet. For the purposes of this rule, a skull cap is considered a baseball helmet. (PENALTY – the team will be warned once to wear a helmet. The second violation or refusal to wear the helmet will result in the coach being ejected.)
- o. Until the ball is fed into the pitching machine, outfielders must position themselves at least 15 feet beyond the basepaths or on the outfield grass, whichever is closer.
- p. Batters at 9U must drop the bat and not throw it (intentionally or unintentionally) upon hitting the ball. Penalty: each team shall be entitled to one warning per game. After the warning any further offences shall result in the batter being declared out, the ball being dead and runners

returning to their bases. If, prior to the team's warning, a batter throws the bat resulting in an injury, the ball is dead, the play is halted and the team will receive its warning. The batter will continue. However, if this is the batter's 5th pitch, he will be considered to have batted the ball illegally and will be out.

Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules

R1.01 GENERAL

- a. In addition to the provisions of the OBA By-Laws and the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules, rep play shall be governed by the provisions of the Procedures and Playing Rules of the Rep Division, which may not include any provision that conflicts with the OBA By-Laws or the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules.
- b. To the extent that there is any conflict between the OBA By-Laws, the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and/or the Rep Procedures and Playing Rules, the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules shall prevail.
- c. The Rep Procedures and Playing Rules as shown in this document are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the Commissioner in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Council, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement with regard to all the circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final.
- d. The Rep Division acknowledges that the OBA Board of Directors is empowered to impose rule changes in the best interests of baseball as per paragraph A1.01(e) of the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules.
- e. Any Rep member association and/or officers of same, which fails to uphold the rulings and enforce the decisions of the OBA will leave said Rep Member Association, and/or officers open to suspension by the OBA.

R1.02 REP DIVISION

- a. The Rep Division shall regulate competition throughout the province at the rep level, including provincial championships and championships to determine provincial representatives at national championships.
- b. The objects of the OBA shall be in order of priority:
 - i. To foster and improve baseball at all levels in the Province of Ontario.
 - ii. To protect and promote the mutual interests of the members.
 - iii. To institute and regulate competition for the Ontario championships.
 - iv. To institute and regulate competition for determining the Ontario representative(s) in the national or Canadian play-offs.

R1.03 MEMBERSHIP

- a. Rep Members shall consist of such Affiliated Associations, Local Associations, and Direct Entries, which shall agree to abide by and comply with the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and the Rep Procedures and Playing Rules. Members of the Rep Council, both those elected and appointed, Life Members, Honorary Members, Past Commissioners and Past Presidents shall also be Rep Members.

- b. The Rep Council shall have the power to accept individual teams where they are unable to secure grouping in any Affiliated Association. For purposes of the Rep Procedures and Playing Rules, the term “Direct Entry” shall mean a team affiliating directly with the Rep Division and not through an Affiliated Association.
Note: A baseball association, which is a direct member of the Rep Division, will be known as an “Affiliated Association” and a baseball association, which is a direct member of an Affiliated Association, and an indirect member of the Rep Division, shall be known as a “Local Association”.
- c. Teams Eligible: To be eligible for Rep Play-offs, teams must represent a municipality or municipalities, or a portion thereof, within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario and must be made up of players who qualify under the residence rule.
- d. Players Eligible: To be eligible, all players must qualify under the residence rule. Former professional baseball players who have been re-instated by the Rep Division in accordance with [Rep Rule RP1.8] and athletes who are classified as professionals in other sports are eligible.
- e. Every Affiliated Association desirous of joining the Rep Division shall send to the OBA Office a completed application for membership, a list of its officers, and a copy of its by-laws.
- f. All teams of Local Associations of any classification desirous of entering the Rep Play-offs must affiliate through an Affiliated Association in their area or directly with the Rep Division where there is no Affiliated Association in their area.
- g. Teams of Local Associations must register with the Rep Division through the Affiliated Association in which territory they play their home games (“Home Affiliate”). Teams may be released to participate in a league schedule of another Affiliated Association (“League Affiliate”) but will be registered with and classified by the Home Affiliate. Released teams and their players will be subject to the rules and regulations of the League Affiliate. Released teams will be subject to the player release rules as set out by the Home Affiliate. Team releases must be in writing and there will be no charge for the release of any such team.
- h. No participant may be disqualified from participating in the Rep Division for reason of race, religion, gender, identity, or orientation.

R1.04 DIRECT ENTRY GUARANTEE

- i. Each Direct Entry must pay a guaranteed deposit of \$500.00 to be returned only if the Direct Entry completes its obligations as stated in the OBA By-Laws and the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules.

R2.01 REP COUNCIL STRUCTURE

- a. The operations of the Rep Division shall be handled by the Rep Council. The members of the Rep Council shall be the Rep Commissioner, Rep Vice Commissioner, the Rep Immediate Past Commissioner, 6 Rep Councillors, up to 3 Councillors appointed by the Rep Commissioner to Rep Council, all Life Members, Honorary Members, Past Commissioners and 1 appointed Rep Council Member from each Affiliated Association to be appointed by that Affiliated Association.

- b. The Rep Operational Committee shall be appointed by the Rep Commissioner from members of the Rep Council and shall have authority to conduct the day-to-day business of the the Rep Division between Council meetings. Such business shall be reported to the Rep Council at the next meeting of the Council.
- c. The members of the Rep Operational Committee shall consist of (1) the Rep Commissioner, (2) the Rep Vice Commissioner, and (3) at least two, but as many other members of Rep Council as the Rep Commissioner considers appropriate. The President and Vice President of the OBA are considered ex-officio members of the Rep Operational Committee.
- d. For a period of two years following the election of a new Rep Commissioner, the Immediate Past Commissioner will be appointed as an additional member of the Rep Operational Committee. After that two-year period, the Immediate may or may not be one of the persons appointed to the Rep Operational Committee pursuant to R1.03(d).
- e. The Rep Commissioner may appoint, from time to time, 1 or more committees of the Rep Council as required to consider such matters as may be dealt with by the Council and generally act on behalf of the Rep Council between meetings of the Rep Council. Such committee(s) shall be comprised of 1 or more members of the Rep Council as the Rep Commissioner may deem fit.
- f. The Rep Council shall meet once a month during the season when business warrants. 7 members shall form a quorum for meetings of the Rep Council.
- g. Any member of the Rep Council (excluding Life Members, Honorary Members, Past Presidents and Rep Past Commissioners) who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the Rep Council are satisfactory, shall have automatically tendered his/her resignation. After 2 consecutive misses, this detail shall be brought to his/her attention by a letter from the OBA Office. Should the third consecutive miss occur, except for a member appointed by an Affiliated Association, the Rep Council will appoint a replacement. If the member was an appointee from an Affiliated Association, that Affiliated Association shall be requested to appoint the replacement and must notify the OBA Office of such appointment within 3 weeks.
- h. The President and Vice President of the OBA are deemed to be voting ex-officio members of Rep Council.

R2.02 DUTIES OF COUNCILLORS

- a. The Rep Council shall be responsible for the overall direction of the Rep Division.
- b. The Rep Council shall approve all policies of the Rep Division.
- c. OBA Past Presidents, who served in Office prior to 2017, will have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a Rep Past Commissioner.

R2.03 MEETINGS

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

- b. No delegate shall be permitted to speak or vote at a Rep Annual Division Meeting or Rep Special Division Meeting unless he/she has filed with the Secretary, a certificate of his/her appointment, signed by the Secretary of the Affiliated Association or Direct Entry which he/she represents.
- c. Annual member's fees for the then current period October 1st to September 30th must be paid by an Affiliated Association or Direct Entry before that Affiliated Association's or Direct Entry's delegate(s) shall have a voice or vote at Annual Meetings or Special Meetings of the Rep Division.
- d. **Special Meetings** - The Rep Commissioner may call a special general meeting of the Rep Division ("Special Division Meeting") at any time but must do so at the request of 3 Affiliated Associations. At all Rep Special Division Meetings, 8 delegates shall form a quorum. 21 days' notice of such meeting must be given and the reason for such meeting.
- e. Affiliated Associations must operate the previous year under the jurisdiction of the OBA before having the right of voice at a Rep Annual Division Meeting or Special Division Meeting.
- f. At a Rep Annual Division Meeting or Special Division Meeting, each Affiliated Association shall be entitled to the following votes:

Affiliated Associations with more than 24 teams	4 votes
Affiliated Associations with 15 to 24 teams	3 votes
Affiliated Associations with 6 to 14 teams	2 votes
Affiliated Associations with 1 to 5 teams	1 vote

- g. No delegate from an Affiliated Association in arrears to the OBA in any way, shall be permitted to vote at a Rep Annual Division Meeting providing notice of such arrears has been given in writing to the Affiliated Association a month prior to the Rep Annual Division Meeting.
- h. A delegate may only vote as a representative of the Affiliated Association through which he/she is registered.
- i. **Electing Officers and Councillors**
 - i. The Rep Commissioner will be elected at the OBA Annual Meeting in accordance with the OBA By-laws.
 - ii. Nominations for Rep Vice Commissioner and Rep Councillors shall be submitted annually to the OBA Office by a deadline established by the Board of Directors. Any Rep Member in good standing may submit a nomination.
 - iii. OBA shall at the Rep Annual Division Meeting provide delegates with a ballot for the election of Rep Vice Commissioner. The candidate receiving the most votes will be declared elected.
 - iv. OBA shall at the Rep Annual Division Meeting provide delegates with a ballot for election of 6 Rep Councillors. All eligible voting delegates must mark their ballots for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot shall be considered spoiled and not counted. The 6 candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared elected.

- v. Each person nominated for Rep Vice Commissioner or Rep Councillor shall be given a maximum of two minutes to speak about their candidacy. Nominees may decline to speak.

R2.04 AMENDMENTS

- a.
 - i. An amendment to the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules may only be made at a Rep Annual Division Meeting or Rep Special Division Meeting and must be approved by a majority of the votes cast in respect of such amendments in order to carry. Notice of any proposed amendment must be filed with the OBA Office in writing by October 25th prior to the Rep Annual Meeting and the OBA Office shall then electronically forward a copy to each Affiliated Association no later than November first, before the Rep Annual Meeting. Amendments passed and carried shall become effective at the conclusion of the Rep Annual Meeting at which they are passed.
 - ii. An amendment may only be proposed by the Rep Council or by Local Association or Affiliated Association in good standing.
- b. At a Rep Annual Division Meeting, the Rep Council may propose a resolution for an experiment that differs from the Rep Procedures and Playing Rules. This experiment may be put into effect as an experiment for no more than 2 years. In order to be adopted, the resolution must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of the resolution and would be subject to annual review by the Rep Council. Any references in the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress. Once the time period for the experiment has expired, unless an amendment to the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules is adopted with respect to the subject matter of the experiment, the resolution shall be of no further force and effect and the suspension of any references in the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules shall be removed.
- c. **Rules of Order of Rep Annual Division Meeting or Rep Special Division Meeting:** The following are the regulations of the government of the Rep Division during the time of business, and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:
 - i. No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded. Said motion shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer.
 - ii. Except for motions requiring a special majority either pursuant to the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules, all motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. When the presiding officer sees fit to exercise their right to vote on any question before the meeting, they shall, from the chair, be at liberty to explain their vote, and any question on which there is an equality of votes in consequence of the presiding Councillor's vote, shall be deemed to be negative.
 - iii. No delegate shall speak twice on the same motion without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

- iv. A delegate desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing until recognized by the chair. In speaking, a delegate shall respectfully address the chair and shall confine their remarks to the motion under debate. The delegate shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order. Non-delegates may be permitted to speak at the discretion of the chair.
- v. No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to the amendment.
- vi. When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table or amend and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.
- vii. An amendment, which entirely changes the subject of the original motion, shall not be entertained as an amendment, or substituted for the motion under debate.
- viii. After the motion has been stated by the presiding officer it becomes the property of the Rep Division but may be withdrawn at any time prior to amendment, unless objected to by a delegate.
- ix. There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding Councillor.
- x. When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each delegate holding up their right hand. The presiding officer shall declare the vote on all questions, and should their declaration be disputed, they may require the delegates voting “Yea” or “Nay” to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by the presiding Councillor.

R.3.01 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION FEES

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

R4.01 BOUNDARIES

- a. The status of all Affiliated Associations is defined as territorial rights, as set forth in Appendix B. The boundaries of each have been approved and set by the Rep Council. Any new baseball associations, which do not conflict with any established Affiliated Association, which desire to affiliate with the Rep Division, must first be approved by the Rep Council.
- b. Two Local Associations in different Affiliated Associations cannot amalgamate across Affiliated Association boundaries without the written permission of both Affiliated Associations and the approval of OBA.
- c. All applications by Direct Entries for direct entry must be approved by the Rep Council before being accepted.

- d. The Rep Council shall have the power to mediate boundary disputes and make changes to Affiliated Association boundaries where such changes are deemed to be in the best interests of baseball.

R5.01 PBLO RESIDENCY FRANCHISE

- a. Franchises in the PBLO shall declare themselves to operate as either Residency Franchises or Non-Residency Franchises. A Residency Franchise is one that determines to operate in accordance with the Rep Division's residence and release requirements. A Residency Franchise will have the territorial rights of the Local Association, Direct Entry or Affiliated Association which is operating the Franchise. A Non-Residency Franchise is one that determines not to operate in accordance with Rep Division's residence and release requirements. A Non-Residency Franchise shall have no territorial rights.

R6.01 CLASSIFICATION

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

Category	30,001+ Households	Less than 30,001
8U	AAA, AA, A	B
9U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
10U	AAA, AA, A	B
11U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
12U	AAA, AA, A	B
13U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
14U	AAA, AA, A	B
15U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
16U Girls	AAA	
16U	AAA, AA, A	
18U	AAA, AA, A	B, C
Category	All Households	
22U	AAA, AA, A, B	
Women	AAA	
Senior	AAA, AA, A, B, C	

- b. Household numbers are used only to determine categories teams are eligible to participate in. Teams may request higher classification if so desired. A team at a lower household category may be classified at the classification of a larger household category at its request.
- c. For purposes of classification, the number of households will be based on Canada Post data. Each Affiliated Association must define which postal codes are contained within their Local Associations' boundaries. Urban centres will use the FSA (first three digits of the postal code) and rural centres will use all 6 digits of the postal code. The information must be filed with the OBA Office by April 1, 2012, and updated as necessary every three years thereafter. If an Affiliated Association fails to comply with this requirement, the Competition Committee will decide whether or not the Affiliated Association's teams will be eligible to be classified, and if so, will determine the classification of the teams. The Competition Committee's decision is final and may not be appealed.
- d. The number of households added to the household count of a team by an import player(s) will be determined as follows:
 - i. Each urban postal code will add the highest count associated with the LCW, LB, SS, RR, or GD (as defined by Canada Post) for the FSA in which the players reside.
 - ii. Each rural postal code will add the highest count associated with the LCW, LB, SS, RR or GD (as defined by Canada Post) for the postal code in which the players reside.
 - iii. The import player household count adder will be calculated as the average of the household counts determined in the prior two steps. (Note: this will determine a single number that will be used as an adder for each player residing outside of the Local Association postal code(s), regardless of whether they reside in an urban or rural postal code. This number will be revised every 3 years by March 31st, in the same year that Local Association postal codes are eligible for changing).
 - iv. The import player household count adder will be recalculated with the update of the Canada Post information on which it is based.
 - v. Canada post data will be updated annually by March 31st.
 - vi. Where two or more Local Associations within the same Affiliated Association combine their players to field a single team, they may apply to have the combined household counts considered as the base amount for the Local Association registering the team, rather than applying the import adder count for each player from the other Local Association(s) involved. Application must be made to the Classification Committee by June 1st. The addition of the household counts from the neighbouring Local Association(s) must be applied to all teams classified by the designated Local Association.
- e. If any Local Association feels it has a circumstance that does not fall under the provisions of R4.01a) to d), it has the right to appeal to the Rep Division.
- f. Classifications must be submitted to the OBA Office before the opening of business on the Tuesday immediately following the 2nd Monday of July. Failure to submit such information by the deadline shall result in the applicable team(s) not being classified.
- g. The Affiliated Association must submit with classification the maximum number of teams it will allow to participate in each category.

- h. The OBA Office shall immediately forward the Affiliated Associations' proposed classifications to the respective Series Chair, who shall be responsible for ensuring that all information provided for each team in the Series is complete and correct. The Series Chair shall ensure that each team is properly classified and review the potential number of entries in the individual classification playoffs.
- i. The Classification Committee shall consist of the Overall Series Chair and the Series Chairs. The Classification Committee shall meet on the weekend following the 2nd Monday in July to review classifications. A Series Chair may make recommendations to the Classification Committee to change a team's classification. This applies to all classifications AAA through D. If the Classification Committee decides to change a team's classification, the Local Association and the Affiliated Association shall be contacted by the 3rd Monday of July and advised of the change and the reasoning for the change. The Local Association and/or the Affiliated Association shall have until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the July Rep Council meeting to appeal the change.
- j. The Classification Committee shall provide each Affiliated Association with a preliminary listing of classifications by the 3rd Monday of July. If there are any discrepancies, then the Affiliated Associations must report them to the OBA Office by the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the July Rep Council meeting. Upon receiving any reported discrepancies, the OBA Office will notify the Series Chair and the classification report will be amended as necessary for presentation to the Rep Council.
- k. The Classification Committee shall present its recommendations, together with any appeals, to the Competition Committee at the July Rep Council meeting. The Competition Committee shall resolve any appeals.
- l. The decision of any Affiliated Association with respect to whether a team is, or is not classified, prior to the opening of discussions by the Classification Committee on the classification of all teams in the respective series, shall be deemed final by the OBA.
- m. Where required for classification purposes, the Affiliated Association must submit to the Classification Committee (on a form approved by the Rep Council) the schedule and results of the teams in any league play, the won-lost-tied record, and any tournament results that the teams may have participated in. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the team being classified at the highest classification available under R4.01 a).
- n. Once classifications have been approved by the Rep Council, no further changes will be allowed.
- o. In any classification where less than 4 teams classify, no Rep Play-off will be held, and those teams which would have been classified at that level shall have the option of moving up one classification in order to participate in a Rep Play-off. Where they elect not to move up, they will not be classified.
 - i. Except for Rep Play-offs for 8U, 9U and Girls Baseball, the number of teams allowed to participate at each classification shall be one per Affiliated Association plus the tournament host. In any series where the number of Affiliated Associations participating plus the tournament host is less than 12, the number of teams which will be allowed to participate would be up to 12 including the tournament host. The Rep Council shall determine the manner of selection of the additional teams to make up the 12-team

- tournament. If there are less than 12 teams classified at a classification, all teams may be permitted to participate.
- ii. At 8U, 9U and Girls Baseball, the number of teams allowed to participate at each classification shall be one per Affiliated Association plus the tournament host. In any series where the number of Affiliated Associations participating plus the host is less than 16 teams, the number of teams which will be allowed to participate would be up to 16 including the tournament host. The Rep Council shall determine the manner of the selection of the additional teams to make up the 16-team tournament. If there are less than 16 teams classified at a classification, all teams may be permitted to participate.
 - iii. At Senior the following limits apply to the number of teams for each Rep Play-off Tournament:
 - a. Senior AAA shall be unlimited; and
 - b. Senior AA, A, B and C shall be limited to 12 teams, with no more than 2 teams coming from any one Affiliated Association. Additional teams may be added from an Affiliated Association to bring the tournament to a maximum of 12 teams including the host.
 - c. Except at Senior AAA and Senior AA, the champions in any category shall be classified in the next high category the following year.
 - p. The Rep Council shall decide annually the method by which the winner of each Rep Play-off shall be declared. This method shall consist of one of the following:
 - i. home and home style Rep playoffs; or
 - ii. a double loss knock-out tournament with a minimum of 6 teams scheduled to be held no later than the Labour Day weekend; or
 - iii. a round robin tournament; or
 - iv. a combination.
 - q. No player may participate with more than 1 team in any 1 series.
 - r. Any team classified at the Rep classification meeting must participate in all its Rep Play-offs. If a team fails to fulfil its commitment a \$500.00 fine will be assessed. Local Associations and Affiliated Associations shall be responsible for ensuring payment of such fines assessed against their teams.
 - s. Teams appealing their Rep classification as finalized by the Rep Council are not to be levied the \$500.00 fine if the team declines to compete within 24 hours after the appeals meeting.
 - t. The winner of the Senior Rep Elimination Tournament will be declared the Senior AAA champions.
 - u. A Direct Entry not participating in the scheduled play of an Affiliated Association shall be classified at the highest level for which the households of its municipality make it eligible.
 - v. In order to be classified, a team must have played and reported on the Classification Form a minimum of 5 games against other OBA Rep rostered teams.
 - w. The winner of the 21U Elimination Tournament will be declared 21U AAA champions.
 - x. Teams entering the 18U Rep Elimination Tournament are not eligible to participate in the 18U Rep AAA OBA Championship.

- y. Except at 18U AAA, at each age category where the winner of the Elimination Tournament is not deemed a Rep Play-off Champion, the winner of the Elimination Tournament shall be granted an automatic entry into the Rep Play-off Tournament for which teams entering the Elimination Tournament are classified. The Elimination Tournament winners will not be considered the representative of the Affiliated Association to which it belongs, and the Affiliated Association shall be entitled to send another of its teams as its representative. Elimination Tournament winners must declare their intentions to the OBA Office and the Rep Play-off Tournament host by August 15.
- z. For 8U, 9U and Girls Baseball, the OBA Play-off Tournament format shall be at the discretion of the Rep Council each year.
- aa. Where several municipalities or Local Associations of C or lower classifications desire to compete in open tournaments at the A, AA, and AAA level, they may choose to register an Affiliated Association approved team for that purpose. Such teams shall not be eligible for Rep Play-offs and Elimination Tournaments, and players on such a team are obliged to honour commitments to their Local Association first.

R7.01 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

- a. Each Affiliated Association in order to participate in the Rep Play-offs must be prepared to enter the Rep Play-offs on the dates as set by the Rep Council (for all series) but in no case shall that date be later than the fourth Saturday in August.
Note: Labour Day weekend (except in 22U, 18U and Girl's Baseball) is the recommended dates for Tournament style Rep Playoffs.
- b. No Rep Play-off may be ordered after October 5th. The Series Chair has the power to order a tournament to be held to declare a winner, if deemed necessary.
- c. Where exceptional circumstances arise in Affiliated Associations, only the Rep Council or its committee(s) are empowered to extend the date of declaring a winner. The request for extension must be at the OBA Office at least 2 weeks prior to the Rep Play-off date.
- d. Except at 21U AAA which will be the 21U Elimination Tournament, all 21U Rep Play-offs will be scheduled 1 week after the August Civic Holiday weekend.
- e. Girls Baseball Rep Play-offs will be scheduled at least 1 week but not more than 2 weeks prior to Labour Day weekend.
- f. All 18U Rep Play-Offs will be scheduled 2 weeks after the August Civic Holiday weekend.
- g. Except at Senior AAA which will be the Senior Elimination Tournament, all Senior Rep Play-offs will be schedule on the Labour Day weekend.
- h. Rep Play-off tournament schedules shall be published at least 2 weeks prior to the start date of the tournament (with the exception of Senior which shall be 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament) as defined in R4.02 a) through f). Failure to meet this deadline will result in the assessment of a \$200 fine to the tournament host.

R7.02 CONVENORS

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

R7.04 VISITING TEAM EXPENSES

The visiting teams shall pay their own travelling expense.

R8.01 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE

- a. For the purposes of R5.01, playing rules shall include RP2, RP3, RP4, RP5, RP6, RP7, RQ1, and RQ2.
- b. Notwithstanding anything else in this section R5.01, any playing rule change approved which involves changes to playing equipment (including but not limited to baseball bats, gloves, uniforms, etc) shall not take affect for one full calendar year after approval.
- c. All proposed changes to playing rules may only be submitted by:
 - i. a member of Rep Council,
 - ii. an Affiliated Association, or
 - iii. a Senior Advisory Committee
- d. All proposed changes must be submitted to the Baseball Ontario Office no later than October 25th annually. The Baseball Ontario Office will forward the proposed changes to the Rep Rules Chair on the next business day.
- e. The Rep Rules Chair shall cause a Rep Rules Committee Meeting to be held no later than November 3rd.
- f. The Rep Rules Committee shall consist of the Rep Rules Chair, any member of Rep Council appointed by the Rep Commissioner, and one member from each Affiliated Association.
- g. The Rep Rules Committee shall consider each rule submitted and make recommendations for approval, including suggested changes, to the Rep Council at the annual Rep Rules Approval

Meeting. Provided notice of the meeting is distributed to the Affiliated Associations, the quorum for the Rep Rules Committee meetings shall be the Rep Rules Chair plus 4 other members of the Committee.

- h. All proposed rule changes, recommended or not, shall be distributed to all Affiliated Associations no later than November 10th annually.
- i. All proposed rule changes submitted as per R5.01(c) shall be considered at the Rep Rules Approval Meeting including those with recommendations from Rules Committee and those not recommended. Those rules recommended by the Rep Rules Committee shall be automatically moved by the Rep Rules Chair and seconded by a member of the Rep Rules Committee.
- j. Any proposed rule change not recommended by the Rep Rules Committee must be moved and seconded by a voting delegate at the Rep Rules Approval Meeting in order to be discussed and voted upon.
- k. The Rep Commissioner shall cause a Rep Rules Approval Meeting to be held no later than the last day of February annually. Such meeting date shall be announced by November 1st, annually.
- l. At the Rep Rules Approval Meeting, the following delegates shall be entitled to vote:
 - i. Each member of Rep Council, whether elected, appointed, or Affiliated Association Representative shall have one vote.
 - ii. The OBA Supervisor of Umpires, the OBA Supervisor of Coach & Player Development, and the OBA Chair of Safe Sport shall each have one vote.
 - iii. Each Affiliated Association in good standing as of the previous Rep Annual General Meeting shall have one vote.
- m. In order for a rule change to pass, it must secure the following:
 - i. 2/3 of the votes cast on the motion; and
 - ii. a majority of Affiliated Associations voting on the matter. The votes of the Affiliated Association Representatives on Rep Council shall determine whether an Affiliated Association is in favour or against the motion.
- n. For changes at Senior, the following will apply:
 - i. The Rep Commissioner shall appoint two Senior Advisory Committees (1) one for Senior AAA, and (2) one for Senior AA and below.
 - ii. These Senior Advisory Committees shall review playing rules applicable to Senior baseball within their respective classifications.
 - iii. A Senior Advisory Committee will submit proposed changes to the playing rules to the Baseball Ontario Office no later than October 25th annually.
 - iv. The procedures outlined in R5.01(d)-(m) shall apply.

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SECTION RP1.1 AGE AND CATEGORY

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

CATEGORY/SERIES	AGE OF PLAYER AS OF DECEMBER 31 st OF THE CALENDAR YEAR
8U	Not older than 8 years of age but not younger than 6 as of December 31 st
9U	Not older than 9 years of age
10U	Not older than 10 years of age
11U	Not older than 11 years of age
12U	Not older than 12 years of age
13U/13U Girls	Not older than 13 years of age
14U	Not older than 14 years of age
15U	Not older than 15 years of age
16U/16U Girls	Not older than 16 years of age
18U	Not older than 18 years of age
22U	Not older than 22 years of age
Senior/Women's	Unlimited but not younger than 17 as of December 31 st

SECTION RP1.2 BIRTH RECORDS

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

SECTION RP1.3 PLAYERS TO QUALIFY UNDER RESIDENCE RULE

- The basic premise of the Rep Division's residence rule is that players are to play with the Local Association where they reside.
- Players must establish residence within the Local Association on or before June 30th of the playing year. Exception: a player, who (1) maintains Canadian citizenship, (2) has been a member of a

Rep Local Association or Direct Entry for at least one year prior, (3) continues to be a member of the same Rep Local Association or Direct Entry, and (4) for any reason is living outside of the Province of Ontario, may continue to register with that Local Association or Direct Entry.

- c. Individuals may be granted permission by the Rep Registrar to participate in Rep play. Cases will be dealt with on an individual basis (i.e., exchange students).
- d. Affiliated Associations must establish territorial boundaries for Local Associations within the Affiliated Association. Affiliated Associations may also set policies applicable within their Affiliated Association. A copy of the boundaries and any related policies must be filed with Baseball Ontario. The Rep Division will consider the most recent copies filed by the Affiliated Association in any dispute. The Rep Division may, in its discretion, choose to not follow the Affiliated Association policy where it conflicts with the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and/or the Procedures and Playing Rules of the Rep Division or the best interests of Baseball Ontario.
- e. In areas where no Local Association exists, the Affiliated Association may set policy. In the absence of such a policy, The Rep Division shall apply the following policy: The player may play for any team in the Affiliated Association without a release.
- f. In areas where there is a Local Association, but the Local Association does not have a team at the particular series, the Affiliated Association may set policy. In the absence of such a policy, The Rep Division shall apply the following policy: The player may play for any team in the Affiliated Association without a release. For the purposes of this rule, minor (e.g., 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U) is not defined as a separate series from major (e.g., 9U, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U). If a combined minor/major program is offered by a Local Association, then the Local Association is considered to have a team at the particular series. The player is expected to return to his/her Local Association, unless a release is obtained pursuant to RP1.5.
- g. A player in the circumstances of e) or f) may play for a team in another Affiliated Association without a release where such team is the team closest to his/her place of residence. Closest team shall be interpreted as the distance from the player's home to the relevant teams' home baseball diamond as the crow flies.
- h. Where a Local Association has more than 1 team operating in the same series, the Local Association shall set policy and/or boundaries for such teams. The Local Association shall file a copy of such policy and/or boundaries with the Affiliated Association and Baseball Ontario.

SECTION RP1.4 PLAYERS CHANGING RESIDENCE

- a. Baseball Ontario recognizes that families move. As set out in RP1.3b), players must establish residence prior to June 30th of the playing season.
- b. In split family situations (i.e., the parents are divorced or separated), players 18 years of age and younger shall be deemed to reside where the parent(s) having custody rights reside.
- c. Baseball Ontario does not condone moves of convenience or falsified family splits designed to bypass the release process.
- d. Baseball Ontario, when considering the legitimacy of the family move or family split, may have regard to a number of factor(s), including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. a statement from the parent(s) outlining that they actually live at the stated address;

- ii. a copy of a rental agreement or proof of ownership of the residence;
- iii. a driver's license with the stated address;
- iv. the name and address of the school the player attends;
- v. a separation agreement or divorce decree outlining the custody and access arrangements of the player; and/or
- vi. Canada Revenue Agency Marital Status Change Form – RC 65

SECTION RP1.5 PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS/RELEASE/TRANSFER POLICY

- a. Players are only allowed to be registered with one team at any time. Players registered with one team must be properly released before registering with a second team. This applies to all series.
- b. A player's playing rights are held by: (i) the Local Association(s) where they reside as set forth in RP1.3 and RP1.4; and (ii) the Local Association where they played the previous season if the player obtained all necessary releases under this section RP1.5. At the Affiliated Association level, a player's playing rights are held by the Affiliated Association(s) where they reside as set forth RP1.3 and RP1.4.
- c. Before a player may participate in a practice, game, tryout, evaluation, or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights, the player must obtain the appropriate authorization as specified below.
- d. Where a player wishes to participate in another team's out-of-province game or tournament and is registered with the Local Association that holds their playing rights, then permission from the Local Association and the Affiliated Association are required.
- e. Where a player desires to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association that does not hold their playing rights, the player must obtain:
 - i. a release from each Local Association that hold their playing rights as set out in RP1.5 b); and
 - ii. a release from the Affiliated Association where the player resides, if they desire to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association outside of the Affiliated Association where they reside.

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 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.

- f. Where a player desires to participate in a tryout, evaluation, practice, or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights, the player must obtain the releases required by RP1.5e).
- g. Where a Local Association or Direct Entry grants a player a release, such release is valid and remains in full force and effect so long as the player continues to play for the Local Association or Direct Entry with which the player registered on the basis of having been granted such release.

- h. All releases must be in writing and cannot be conditional.
- i. Any player, for whom a Local Association is not prepared to offer a spot on one of the Local Association's OBA teams, is deemed to be released. The Local Association is required to provide a written release upon request by the player.
- j. Any player, who has not been played by his/her team in 3 or more consecutive games, has the right to appeal to the OBA Technical Committee should the player's team refuse to release the player.
- k. Releases shall not be valid until filed with the OBA Office.

SECTION RP1.6 RELEASE APPEALS

- a. Where a player has been denied a release under RP1.5 by a Local Association, the player has the right to appeal in writing the Local Association's refusal to the Affiliated Association.
- b. The Affiliated Association will make a decision to grant or deny the release. The Affiliated Association's decision is to be in writing.
- c. Either the player or the Local Association may appeal the Affiliated Association's decision to the OBA Technical Committee. No appeal may be made until the Affiliated Association has made its decision. The appeal must include all evidence and correspondence submitted to the Local Association and/or the Affiliated Association and copies of all decisions made by the Local Association and Affiliated Association.
- d. The OBA Technical Committee will establish the time and place of the appeal hearing, which will be held within 30 days of receiving the written appeal and all documents required in RP1.6 c).
- e. The player (and/or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s)) and the Direct Entry or Local Association and/or Affiliated Association must be present in person at the hearing to provide evidence in support of their position.
- f. Failure to appear may result in a default decision. The decision of the OBA Technical Committee shall be final.

SECTION RP1.7 OFFENSES

- a. Where a player participates in a practice, game, tryout, evaluation, or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights without the authorization(s) required by RP1.5, the player is subject to suspension by OBA.
- b. Any coach or manager, who allows a player to participate in any practice, game, tryout, evaluation, or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights without the authorization(s) required by RP1.5, is subject to suspension by OBA.
- c. No player, coach or manager may approach any player for whom their Local Association or Direct Entry does not hold the playing rights with the intention of securing said player for their Local Association or Direct Entry. Violation of this rule will leave the player, coach, or manager subject to suspension by OBA.
- d. Where a director, officer, employee or other member of a Local Association or Direct Entry (who is not a player, coach and/or manager) approaches any player for whom their Local Association

or Direct Entry does not hold the playing rights with the intention of securing said player for their Local Association or Direct Entry, then such violation will leave the Local Association or Direct Entry open to a fine of up to \$1000.

- e. In addition to or in place of any suspension authorized by this section RP1.7, any person or organization violating any of the provisions of section RP1.7 may be subject to fine or other sanction as determined appropriate by the Technical Committee.

SECTION RP1.8 PLAYERS MAY ADVANCE TO HIGHER SERIES

- a. A player registered with a team in any series 22U or below shall be allowed to advance to a higher series of their own Local Association without affecting their status in the series and classification of the team with which they are registered. Any player, who advances, must play with their original team when the team they advance to and the team they are registered with have games on the same date. Where the original (rostered) team is competing in a weekend tournament, the player shall not be eligible to be used as a call up to the team they are advancing to until their original (rostered) team is eliminated from competition in their tournament. (**Note:** Any team knowingly postponing a game so that a player may advance will be suspended from the Rep Play-offs.) (Local Association shall be interpreted as the Local Association with which the player is registered.)
- b. In advancing under RP1.8 a), a player may only advance as follows:
 - i. A 9U (including 8U) player may only advance to 11U.
 - ii. A 11U (including 10U) may advance only to 13U.
 - iii. A 13U (including 12U) may advance only to 15U.
 - iv. A 15U(including 14U) may advance only to 18U.
 - v. Players who turn 16 years of age in the calendar year may only advance to 22U.
- c. For clarification, where a Local Association has more than one team at a series, players on one team are not eligible to be called up to the other team. Where a Local Association has both a Select Division team(s) and a Rep team(s) at a series, players from the Select Division team(s) may be called up to the Rep team(s), provided the players comply with residency rules and are the proper age.
- d. Where a player of a younger age is rostered with a team at an older age category (e.g., A 13U aged player is rostered on a 15U roster), such player shall be considered as a player of the older series at which he/she is rostered despite being of younger age and shall not be eligible to play with the younger team.
- e. Where a team wishes to use a call up player from a team that has been eliminated from any further competition during a tournament or a Rep Play-off tournament or a Rep Elimination tournament being held the same weekend, must have either the pitch count records or copies of the official game sheets for all games involving the call-up player. Any player, for whom the pitching eligibility cannot be confirmed, shall not be eligible to pitch.
- f. Once discovered, the penalty for violating any provision of RP1.8 shall be forfeiture by the team to which the player advances. The Series Chair shall determine what other appropriate steps will be taken in the circumstances. The Series Chair's decision is final and is not appealable.

SECTION RP1.9 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a. Each year, Local Associations will register their players and teams with the OBA through an online registration platform in accordance with policies and procedures determined by the OBA. The OBA will publish such policies and procedures on its website. By virtue of submitting a roster, the Local Association accepts responsibility for the authenticity of the information contained on the roster.
- b. The process may commence by a date determined by Rep Council which shall be no later than October 1st annually.
- c. Submitted rosters may be edited by Local Associations until June 30th.
- d. No changes to players on a roster may be made after June 30th without the consent of the OBA Rep Registrar.
- e. At a minimum, the information to be provided through such online registration system will include:
 - o Name
 - o Date of birth
 - o Gender
 - o Address of residence (including postal code)
 - o Telephone number, and
 - o Valid email address
- f. Affiliated Associations and the OBA may review submitted rosters to ensure compliance with requirements of player registration and coach certification. Affiliated Associations and the OBA may remove players and coaches not meeting requirements from rosters.
- g. Teams with rosters not meeting the requirements of player registration and coach certification are not eligible to participate in Rep Play-offs and/or Rep Elimination Tournaments.
- h. No player may participate in a Rep tournament or Rep Play-off without their name on a team roster.

SECTION RP1.10 TEAM NUMBER

A team must have 9 signed players and may have a maximum of 25 players who must be signed to a team roster of the series of the team entered. At 22U only, the maximum roster size is 30 players. A maximum of 25 players can appear on a line-up card for any one game. Each team must have at least 1 manager, and/or 1 or more coaches, signed to the roster clearly marked "Manager" or "Coach" and who shall be responsible for that team.

SECTION RP1.11 PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS AND REGISTRATION

- a. Any player signed by a professional baseball club of Major League Baseball (MLB) or Minor League Baseball (MiLB), who has received his/her unconditional release or has been placed on the Voluntary Retired List by said professional club before June 30th of the playing season shall become eligible for reinstatement to play in the OBA immediately when he/she returns to his/her home city or town, or to the team he/she left to turn professional or he/she may play with any

other team providing he/she qualifies under the residence rule. All applications for reinstatement must be accompanied by a letter from the Office of the President of the MiLB or a copy of the release from the applicable professional organization.

- b. Any player signed by an independent professional league or club who has received his/her unconditional release or has been placed on the voluntary retired list by said independent professional club who provides a written statement advising that they no longer play in that league before June 30th of the playing season shall become eligible for reinstatement to play in the OBA immediately when he/she returns to his/her home city or town, or to the team he/she left to turn professional or he/she may play with any other team providing he/she qualifies under the residence rule.
- c. A player shall be considered to have turned professional when he/she plays his/her first game, either exhibition or league, with a professional club.
- d. The release, voluntary retirement confirmation or written statement must accompany any application for reinstatement.

SECTION RP1.14 ELITE BASEBALL LEAGUE OF ONTARIO

Baseball Ontario has established the Elite Baseball League of Ontario (“EBLO”) so that Baseball Ontario players can compete at the highest level at the respective age levels. The vision for the EBLO is to offer as competitive a Rep league as possible.

All Baseball Ontario Rep rules and procedural requirements will be followed except as outlined below:

i. **Participating Affiliated Associations**

- a. Any Affiliated Association desiring to participate in the EBLO is required to advise the Baseball Ontario Office and the EBLO Chair of its intent by July 1st. Such Affiliated Association shall continue to be a Participating Affiliated Association until it files a notice under clause RP1.14 (i)(b).
- b. Any Affiliated Association that wishes to withdraw from the EBLO is required to advise the Baseball Ontario Office and the EBLO Chair by July 1st.

ii. **EBLO Structure**

- a. The Rep Commissioner, subject to Rep Council approval, will appoint an EBLO Chair. The EBLO Chair shall oversee EBLO operations.
- b. The EBLO Steering Committee shall be comprised of the EBLO Chair plus other 5 members. Every 3 years, the number of teams entered in the EBLO by the Participating Affiliated Associations will be reviewed and the 4 with the most teams having been entered will each be entitled to one member on the EBLO Steering Committee. These Participating Affiliated Associations shall provide the name of their representative to the Baseball Ontario Office by October 25th of each year. As of November 2020, the 4 are currently TBA, COBA, EOBA and YSBA. The next review will take place for November 2023. The 5th spot will be elected by the Participating Affiliated Associations and Participating Associations. Nominations for this spot are due to the Baseball Ontario Office by October 25th of each year. Should one of the 4 Participating Affiliated

Associations entitled to a member not identify their representative by October 25th, then that spot shall be declared vacant and shall be filled by election from among those nominated for the 5th spot on the EBLO Steering Committee. The EBLO Steering Committee shall be entitled to fill a vacancy on the EBLO Steering Committee arising during the year. Each member of the EBLO Steering Committee shall have one vote; provided, however, that the EBLO Chair shall only vote in the event of a tie.

- c. Except as reserved to the Participating Associations in this section RP1.14, the EBLO Steering Committee shall be authorized to make decisions in the best interests of the EBLO and its Participating Associations and consistent with the vision for the EBLO and the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules.
- d. Participating Affiliated Associations, which participated in the EBLO the previous season, shall be entitled to one vote. A Participating Affiliated Association, which did not participate in the EBLO the previous season, shall not be entitled to a vote.
- e. Participating Associations, which participated in the EBLO the previous season, shall be entitled to one-third of a vote for each Elite team that the Participating Association has entered into the EBLO during the previous three seasons. The voting total for the Participating Association shall be rounded to the nearest whole number of votes. A Participating Association, which did not participate in the EBLO the previous season, shall not be entitled to any votes.
- f. The elected member(s) of the Steering Committee shall be elected at an EBLO meeting to be held during the last week of November each year.

iii. **Entering Teams**

- a. Any Local Association located within a Participating Affiliated Association or a Participating Affiliated Association on its own behalf (a "Participating Association") may enter Elite teams at the 15U, 16U, and 18U age level. An Affiliated Association is entering a team on its own behalf if it has created and is operating the team itself at the Affiliated Association level and is not merely approving a roster of a Local Association.
- b. The Participating Association must register the Elite teams to be entered with the Baseball Ontario Office and the EBLO Chair by July 1st for the following playing year. The registration of Elite team(s) by a Local Association requires the consent of the applicable Affiliated Association. If the Affiliated Association rejects the registration of its Local Association's Elite team(s), the Local Association may appeal to the EBLO Steering Committee.
- c. In order for a Participating Association to register an Elite team at 16U, the Participating Association must have an Elite team at either 15U or 18U or both. In order for a Participating Association to register an Elite team at 18U, the Participating Association must have an Elite team at either 15U or 16U or both. A Participating Association may register an Elite team at 15U without having an Elite team at either 16U or 18U.
- d. The EBLO Steering Committee is permitted to review and rule on requests for exceptions to the program policy as may be requested by a Local Association.
- e. Each Elite team shall post with Baseball Ontario a performance bond in an amount determined by the EBLO Steering Committee from time to time. The performance bond

may be called upon should the Elite team fail to comply with its obligations under the EBLO's benchmarks, guidelines and playing rules.

iv. Tryouts and Releases

- a. There will be 15U, 16U and 18U teams, with 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U aged players, participating in the EBLO.
- b. Tryouts for these Elite teams may start as early as July 1st and must be completed no later than the second Sunday in September.
- c. The respective Elite teams will determine the number of players on their team within the guidelines as outlined in the Procedures and Playing Rules of the Rep Division. It is recommended that Elite teams have at least 14 players on their roster.
- d. Except as set forth in clauses RP1.14 q) and r), any player signed by an Elite team will be deemed to have a Local Association, and where required an Affiliated Association, release as long as the applicable Affiliated Association has agreed to participate in the EBLO.
- e. A 15U team, which proposes to sign more than 2 14U-aged players to its roster, and all players intending sign with such team are not entitled to rely upon RP1.14 p) and will require a Local Association and, where required, an Affiliated Association release. To be clear a 15U team may have more than 2 14U-aged players if it complies with this clause RP1.14 q).
- f. A player requesting to be signed by an Elite team after the second Sunday in September will require a Local Association and, where required, an Affiliated Association release. If the requested release is denied, the Rep release appeal process set out in RP1.6 is available.
- g. It is understood that the playing rights of a player, who tries out for one or more Elite team(s) and is not selected, will remain where they were as determined by section RP1.5 b) of the Procedures and Playing Rules of the Rep Division.
- h. Each Elite team will forward their roster to the Baseball Ontario Office no later than the Wednesday following the second Sunday in September. The Elite team will copy its Affiliated Association on the submission of its roster to the Baseball Ontario Office.
- i. All managers, coaches and assistant coaches must have obtained the coaching certificate level to be eligible to participate at the Rep Eliminations for the age category. In the case of 16U Elite teams, the 18U Rep Eliminations shall be the applicable requirement.
- j. Any players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches that participate in non-recognized programs are not eligible to participate in the EBLO.

v. League Play

- a. There must be a minimum of six teams at a series to form an EBLO League for the respective age group.
- b. The EBLO shall schedule a meeting of Participating Affiliated Associations and Participating Associations in the spring to establish benchmarks, guidelines and playing rules for the subsequent playing season (e.g., a meeting in the spring of 2021 would establish benchmarks, guidelines and playing rules for the 2022 season). At such meeting, each Participating Affiliated Association and Participating Association shall have the votes set out in clauses RP1.14 f) and g).

- c. The benchmarks, guidelines and playing rules established must be consistent with the vision for the EBLO and the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules. If the EBLO desires to enact a benchmark, guideline or playing rule inconsistent with the Rep Division Procedures and Playing Rules, then the EBLO requires the approval of Rep Council to enact such provision.
- d. In June of each year, the EBLO shall host an information meeting to present the benchmarks, guidelines and playing rules established at the spring meeting to prospective Elite teams interested in participating in the EBLO in the subsequent season.
- e. EBLO shall charge Elite teams a marketing fee established by Baseball Ontario's Board of Management and Rep Council in consultation with the EBLO Steering Committee.
- f. All Elite teams will be classified as AAA.
- g. Notwithstanding clause RP3 k), at least one Level III umpire shall be assigned to each EBLO game. (The preference is that all umpires assigned to EBLO games be at least Level III.) If the home team is unable to arrange for the assignment of at least one Level III umpire, then the manager or coach of the home team must notify the manager or coach of the visiting team of the situation at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled start of the game. The manager or coach of the visiting team shall have the option of either playing the game or postponing the game.

Rep Rule Book: RP2 - Special Playing Rules

RP2 - SPECIAL PLAYING RULES

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

SECTION RP2.1 UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

- a. In all games in all Rep series, all team personnel, including the manager and coaches, must be in complete baseball uniform. Note: Complete baseball uniform shall consist of:
 - i. corresponding tops or jerseys (with proper numbers)
 - ii. corresponding (similar) baseball caps
 - iii. baseball pants (no shorts)
 - iv. corresponding stirrup or baseball socks
- b. Provided the teams are completely uniformed the uniformity as laid down by the Official Playing Rules of Baseball will be disregarded and no protest will be considered by the OBA after the game has been played.
- c. The on-deck batter, batter, base runners, and batboy/batgirl must wear a prescribed protective helmet with flaps, covering both ears. This may not be changed except after the inning has been

completed, or the player has been retired or has crossed home plate. In T-Ball, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, and 13U helmet chinstraps are mandatory unless the presence of a manufacturer installed face guard (C-Flap) prevents the use of the chinstrap and will be worn as designed by the manufacturer. Senior aged players shall be permitted to wear either single ear or double ear flapped helmets in Senior OBA play.

- d. In T-Ball, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, and 13U and 16U Girls shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
- e. All catchers are required to wear a mask with throat protector, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, cup, and an athletic supporter (jock or jill).
- f. A team member shall be deemed as "warming up a pitcher" the moment either:
 - i. the pitcher stands on the rubber (on the field or bullpen)
 - ii. the team member assumes a squatting position to receive a thrown ball from the pitcher, regardless of position on the field or bullpen; or
 - iii. the team member assumes a position behind home plate
- g. Any team member serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask with throat protector. **Penalty:** Coaches and players will be instructed to wear a mask and warned on first offense for failure to comply with this rule. Only one warning per team will be given throughout the game. After warning, any further violation of this rule by any team member will result in their immediate ejection.
- h. Players, coaches, and managers who use electronic devices on the field will be ordered by the umpire to remove them from the field immediately. Failure to do so will result in ejection. Umpires who use electronic devices on the field during the game are subject to suspension and potential loss of accreditation. Fitbits, FuelBands, and other fitness trackers are considered electronic devices for the purposes of this rule and are not permitted except where required for medical reasons (i.e.: heart rate monitor prescribed by a physician). **Exception:** Dedicated watches, stopwatches and electronic pitch counters/indicators are permitted.
- i. Electronic Pitch Communication systems (ie: PitchCom) are permitted at all Rep play. They are not considered electronic devices for the purposes of RP2.5(j).
- j. All players, including pitchers, are permitted to wear compression sleeves on one or both arms. If only wearing one, it may be worn on either the pitching or glove arm. A compression sleeve extending only to the elbow shall have the same restrictions as a compression sleeve extending to the wrist. Pitchers must wear compression sleeves which are solid in colour and may not be white or Pitchers may not wear compression sleeves which are distracting in nature including designs and reflective material.
- k. With the exception of piping (strings), no part of the pitcher's glove may be white or grey. The pitcher's glove may not, in the judgement of the umpire, be distracting in any manner. No fielder, regardless of position may use a fielding glove that, in the judgement of the umpire, mimics, or attempts to mimic the colour of a baseball.

SECTION RP2.2 GAME LENGTH

- a. All games in a Rep Play-off or Elimination Tournament shall be 7 complete innings (6 1/2 complete innings if the home team is ahead), or until a winner is declared.

- b. Subject to RP2.7(a), a 7-inning game will be considered an official game after 4 innings of play or 3-1/2 innings if the the home team is ahead.
- c. In tournament play if a game is delayed due to curfew, darkness, light failure, or weather-related conditions at any point prior to completion, the game shall be resumed from the point of delay.
- d. In the case of bad weather or other emergency situations, the schedule may be revised at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- e. In home and home style Rep Play-off games called due to curfew, darkness, light failure, or weather-related conditions after becoming an official game shall be declared a complete and official game even if less than 7 innings were. If the game is called prior to becoming an official game, then it is resumed from the point of delay.
- f. Except at 10U/11U, time limits are not permitted in any Rep Play-off or Elimination games.
- g. In Rep Open or Invitational Tournaments when a time limit or curfew is in effect in the tournament rules, it shall be interpreted as follows: No new inning may be started after the time limit or curfew. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred.
- h. In all OBA Rep games, the following mercy rule will apply:
 - i. 18 runs after 3 innings
 - ii. 15 runs after 4 innings
 - iii. 10 runs after 5 innings or any subsequent inning thereafter.

NOTE: If the home team leads after the top half of any such inning, the game shall be considered a mercy and the home team will not bat.
- i. Where the home team scores to take the lead in the 7th inning, any extra inning or any inning that will be the last inning because of a time limit, the game ends immediately. Similarly, if the home team scores a run that results in a mercy pursuant to g), the game ends immediately with that run.

SECTION RP2.3 LINE-UP RULES

- a. Each manager will see that the umpire-in-chief is provided with a batting order card listing the batting order of his/her players for the commencement of the game. This card shall list (i.e., print legibly) each player's first and last name, their uniform number and position. It shall also list the substitute players, coaches and manager including their uniform number. Bona fide players of either team, who arrive after the commencement of the game, may have their names added to the list upon reporting to the umpire-in-chief.
- b. In 8U, 9U, 10U and 11U games, all players present at the game shall be listed on the team's batting line-up in the order desired by the manager/coach and bat in that late arrivals shall be added to the bottom of this batting order.
- c. In 10U and 11U games, if a player is removed from the game due to injury, illness or official ejection, the player's spot in the batting order shall be deleted. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury, official ejection, or has to leave for any reason during the time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the balls and strikes count at the time

the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall then take their regular turn at bat.

- d. **Extra Player Rule:** In 12U, 13U, 14U and 15U, teams may opt to utilize 10 batters in the starting line-up. The additional batter shall be deemed as the Extra Player (EP). The following rules for the EP shall apply:
 - i. The option to use the EP must be declared when handing in the line-up card prior to the start of the game.
 - ii. The EP may bat in any place in the batting order.
 - iii. The EP will be considered a defensive position and eligible for re-entry.
 - iv. If a team using the EP has any players ejected or injured and it results in the team having less than 10 players in the line-up the game shall continue with 9 players. The batting order will be shifted up to fill the void but otherwise remains the same.

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

- e. At 16U and 18U, a team may use either an EP as in RP2.8(d) or a designated hitter as in RP2.8 f), but the team may not use both an EP and a designated hitter in the same game. For clarity, a team may also choose not to use either an EP or a designated hitter.
- f. A designated hitter may be used for a pitcher from 16U to Senior as per the Official Rules of Baseball.
- g. For tournament play the Tournament Convenor shall appoint an official scorer for each game (who may be the scorer of one of the teams playing). For all home and home style OBA Play-off games the home team score keeper shall be the official score keeper.
- h. Senior AAA teams are permitted to mutually affiliate themselves with any one 22U team within their Affiliated Association as long as their Local Association does not have a 22U team.
- i. If the Baseball Canada 22U Nationals are hosted by an Ontario team – the players on the 22U host team are only permitted to be called up to a Senior team during Eliminations as long as they are a member of the same local association.
- j. Senior AAA teams are permitted a maximum of 3 22U or 18U-aged call-ups for Eliminations.
- k. At 16U and above, in the event the starting pitcher will bat for themselves as the DH, the player will be considered two separate people for the purposes of OBR 5.11(a). In such cases, the Manager should list 10 players on the line-up card and this player should be listed twice – once as the starting pitcher and once as the Designated Hitter. Thus, if the starting pitcher is replaced, they can continue as the DH (but can no longer pitch in the game), and if the DH is replaced, they can continue as the pitcher (but can no longer hit for themselves). If the player is simultaneously replaced both as the starting pitcher and the DH, they cannot be replaced by another two-way player filling both roles; they must be replaced by two separate players.
- l. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in OBR 5.11(a), if the starting pitcher/DH is switched to a position on defense instead of DH, such move will terminate the DH role for the remainder of the game.

SECTION RP2.4 SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Except as required in RP2.10(c), in 10U and 11U games, unlimited substitutions defensively are allowed (including for injury or official ejection).
- b. From 12U to 18U and Senior Women, any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game one time only. They must return to their original place in the batting order. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch as long as they have not previously assumed the pitching position. A pinch runner or pinch hitter may be inserted for a pitcher, who was listed in the starting batting order, and the pitcher may return to pitch under this re-entry rule **only if** the player is re-entered immediately as a pitcher when his/her team takes the field defensively.
- c. At all levels, courtesy runners for the catcher or any other players are prohibited. Pinch runners may be substituted in accordance with the Official Rules of Baseball except where contravened herein.
- d. From 12U to 18U and Senior Women, in the event that all players have entered the game and an injury(s) occurs, the opposing manager shall have the right of selecting any remaining player(s) as the replacement. **Note:** This rule does not apply to ejections from a game.
- e. If a player re-enters or enters the game illegally: offensively, this shall be considered as a batter hitting out of order; defensively, the proper player shall replace them.

SECTION RP2.5 PITCHING RULES

- a. In 10U and 11U, the number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach shall not be limited except when, in the judgement of the umpire, the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- b. In 12U and 13U, a third trip by the Manager/Coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.
- c. Except at Senior, a pitcher once removed from the pitching position, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game. **Exception:** Where re-entry rules apply, pitchers who are substituted for offensively by either a pinch runner or pinch hitter may return to pitch in the next defensive inning so long as no other player has pitched for that team.
- d. From 14U to Senior, a second trip by a Manager/Coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed after the second trip in an inning may continue to play at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- e. When a pitcher takes their position at the beginning of each inning, or when they relieve another pitcher, they shall be permitted to pitch up to eight preparatory pitches to the catcher, during which play shall be suspended. The plate umpire may reduce this number if, in their judgement, there has been unnecessary delay by the pitcher and/or catcher. If a sudden emergency causes a pitcher to be summoned into the game without sufficient opportunity to warm up, the plate umpire shall allow them as many pitches as the plate umpire deems necessary.

SECTION RP2.6 BASE RUNNING RULES

Malicious Contact:

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

SECTION RP2.7 FIELDING RULES

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

SECTION RP2.8 EXTRA-INNING RULES

At 22U and below, the following extra inning procedure will be followed when the game is tied at the end of regulation play for all Baseball Ontario Rep sanctioned tournaments, Rep Play-offs, and Rep Elimination Tournaments:

- a. Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- b. The placement of the runners of the extra inning will be determined by how the previous inning ended:
 - i. The hitter with the last plate appearance in the previous inning will be placed at first base.
 - ii. The hitter with the second-to-last plate appearance in the previous inning will be placed at second base.
- c. The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.
- d. All other Official Baseball Rules and Baseball Ontario rules remain in effect during extra innings.

Example: *If the last inning ends with the #6 batter having the last plate appearance, then the extra inning begins with the #7 batter at bat, and the #5 batter at second base, and the #6 batter at first base.*

SECTION RP2.10 PROTESTS

- a. Protests based on umpires' judgment decisions will not be permitted. A protest based on an umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the umpire before the game resumes, and the opposing team must also be advised by the umpire before the game resumes.
- b. No protests will be entertained regarding coaches or managers being listed on a team roster. A coach or manager signed with one team in an organization may act as coach or manager for any other team in that organization.
- c. Tournament Style Rep Play-offs:
 - i. A Protest Committee shall be established by the host Local Association.
 - ii. The Protest Committee has the right to rule whether a protest will be heard.
 - iii. All protests must be ruled on at the time of their occurrence by the Protest Committee.
 - iv. If the protest is heard and denied, the team will be billed \$50.
- d. Home and Home Style Rep Play-offs:
 - i. Protests are to be emailed to the Rep Protest Chair postmarked within 24 hours of the end of the game under protest. A protest fee of \$50.00 must be electronically transferred.
 - ii. The Protest Chair will obtain a copy of the Umpire's report regarding the incident.
 - iii. The Protest Chair will obtain written reports from each Manager regarding the incident.
 - iv. The Protest Chair, in consultation with the Rep Commissioner will determine if there is reason for holding a protest meeting.
 - v. Should a protest meeting be deemed necessary, the Panel shall include the Series Chair, the Rep Commissioner, and the Protest Chair (Competition Chair).
 - vi. Results of the Protest Meeting will be delivered by the Protest Chair to the Rep Commissioner, both teams, the OBA Office, the Rep Series Chair, and the Rep Overall Series Chair.
- e. Once a protest has been dealt with by the OBA or a committee delegated to act in such matters by the OBA, any ruling handed down must be considered as final by the OBA. No further action will be taken.
- f. The Rep Protest Chair has the power in a home and home style OBA Play-off to appoint a committee to handle all protests which must be disposed of 5 days from the time the Rep Protest Chair receives the complete protest, etc.
- g. All correspondence regarding protests and defence of appeals must be forwarded by email.
- h. Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the Rep Protest Chair the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game.
- i. Teams or players which knowingly play against ineligible players and do wilfully conceal this knowledge from the OBA until it shall suit their convenience to use it in any protest which may arise shall be considered equally guilty with the offending team or players and shall be dealt with accordingly.
Emergency Situations:
- j. In an emergency situation the protest will be dealt with by the Rep Series Chair in consultation with the Rep Protest Chair and the Rep Commissioner.

SECTION RP2.11 10U/11U PLAYING RULES

- a. Home base shall be marked by a five-sided slab of rubber. It shall be a 21-inch square with two of the corners removed so that the front edge is 21-inches wide, and the back of the plate comes to a point at the intersection of the lines extending from home base to first base and to third base.
- b. A team's turn at bat in an inning will end after three outs have been recorded or four runs have been scored. The last inning will have an eight-run maximum. On any play where the last allowed run in an inning is as a result of the ball leaving the playing field and the awarding of home base (ie: home run, overthrow, etc) results in more than the maximum runs allowed in an inning scoring, all awarded runs will score; this only applies to dead ball awards.

Ex. 1: Runners on 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 2 outs. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a groundball to the shortstop, who overthrows first base. The ball goes out of play. Because this is the first play by an infielder, all runners get awarded 2 bases from the time of pitch. 2 runs score for a total of 5 for the inning.

Ex. 2: Runners on 2nd and 3rd. 2 outs. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a ball in the gap between outfielders. Despite the fact that two runs would have scored easily, because the ball stayed in play, the inning ends when the runner from 3rd touches the plate. 1 run scores on the play for a total of 4 runs for the inning.

Ex. 3: Runners on 2nd and 3rd. 3 runs have already scored in the inning. The batter hits a ball down the left field line which rolls past an out of play line. Ball is dead. This is a 2-base award, so 2 runs score on this play, with a total of 5 for the inning.

- c. The following mercy rules shall apply at 10U/11U only:
 - i. 18 runs after 3 innings
 - ii. 15 runs after 4 innings
 - iii. 10 runs after 5 innings
 - iv. 9 runs after 6 innings.

If the home team leads by mercy after the top half of any such inning, the game shall be considered a mercy and the home team will not bat.

- d. No new inning shall be permitted to start after 2 hours have elapsed from the start of the game. No time limit during the final championship game. Local tournament rules for regular season tournaments can impose a shorter time limit. In all Rep Play-off tournament games and all play-off round games of regular season tournaments must have a winner declared, so extra innings are to be played regardless of the time limit.
- e. A 10U/11U game ends when the time limit is reached and a full inning has been completed. If the time limit passes during an inning, such inning will be the last inning however it will not be treated as the last inning for the purposes of the 8-run maximum rule. If the top of a new inning is started

within 15 minutes of the time limit, the umpire will declare that inning to be the last inning and the 8-run maximum will apply.

- f. Unlimited substitutions defensively are allowed (including for injury or official ejection).
- g. The number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach shall not be limited except when, in the judgement of the umpire, the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- h. Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead, and runners may not advance. One warning will be issued and for any further infractions thereafter, the runner will be called out. (Each team to receive 1 warning).
- i. If a player is removed from the game due to injury, illness, or official ejection, the player's spot in the batting order shall be deleted. In the event a batter must be removed during their time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the balls and strikes count at the time the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall then take their regular turn at bat.
- j. If a runner is removed by reason of injury or official ejection from the game, the player last put out shall act as pinch runner for the removed player. By virtue of the rules there shall be no pinch runners allowed.
- k. The batter shall not become a runner when a third strike is not legally caught by the catcher. The ball remains live, and all other runners may advance at their own risk.

SECTION RP2.12 ELIGIBILITY

- a. Players are not eligible to register with the OBA for the then current playing season if they have registered with a non-recognized baseball program operating in the Province of Ontario for any part of such playing season. Players registered with the OBA for the then current playing season who register with a non-recognized baseball program shall be subject to suspension in accordance with section RP7.1.
- b. Where an entire team of players desires to register as a team with a non-recognized baseball program, the Local Association operating such team may, if it has the approval of its Affiliated Association, apply to the OBA for OBA recognition of the non-recognized baseball program. The OBA may in its absolute discretion recognize or refuse to recognize such other baseball program.
- c. Individual players may participate with a non-recognized program outside of the province if he secures letters of permission from: (1) Rep Coach and/or Manager (2) Local Association Executive and (3) Affiliate Association Executive; allowing him/her to play with a specified team or organization. (All letters and information shall be forwarded to the OBA through the Affiliated Association). A player participating with a non-recognized program outside of the province without these approvals shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. Any further penalty shall be decided by the OBA Rep Council.
- d. Managers, coaches, Rep Council members, Local Association and Affiliated Association Board Members shall immediately disqualify themselves for participation within Baseball Ontario's Rep Division, its Affiliated Associations and Local Associations, if they are directly involved in any way with a non-recognized baseball program within the Province of Ontario.
- e. For the purpose of this section RP1.12, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- i. “non-recognized baseball program” shall mean any baseball program other than (1) a baseball program operated exclusively by the OBA, its Affiliated Associations, and its Local Associations, (2) a high school, college or university baseball program, (3) a baseball program operated exclusively by an associated member of the OBA, (4) a baseball program recognized by the Rep Council, or (5) a baseball program operated by the PBLO in accordance with the PBLO Agreement.
- ii. “playing season” shall mean the period from April 15 through to the end of the Labour Day weekend.
- iii. “registered” includes any form of signing or registration process and any player participating on a regular basis with a non-recognized baseball program shall be deemed to have been registered with such program.
- f. A player participating in another recognized program shall have the right to sign only with:
 - i. the Local Association in whose territory the player lives, or
 - ii. the Local Association with which the player was last rostered.

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

Senior players are exempt from RP1.12 e).

SECTION RP2.13 PBLO

- a. The terms of the PBLO Agreement shall govern teams operated by PBLO Franchises.
- b. The provisions of Sections RP1.1 to RP1.12 shall not apply to teams playing in the PBLO unless the Franchise operating such teams determines to operate as a Residency Franchise in which case those provisions shall apply to the teams operated by such Residency Franchise.
- c. The PBLO shall determine such residence and release requirements, if any, as shall apply to PBLO Non-Residency Franchises.
- d. The PBLO shall determine such registration procedures and policies as shall apply to PBLO Franchise teams.
- e. PBLO Non-Residency Franchises may not operate teams other than as set out in the PBLO Agreement. Accordingly, Affiliated Associations and Local Associations may not operate PBLO Non-Residency Franchises. However, since PBLO Residency Franchises may operate additional teams, Affiliated Associations and Local Associations may operate PBLO Residency Franchises.
- f. Players playing on a PBLO Non-Residency Franchise team may also register with a team of a Local Association in accordance with RP1.12 e) i) or ii).
- g. Players playing on a PBLO Residency Franchise may not sign with another team.
- h. PBLO Non-Residency Franchise teams are not eligible to compete in Rep Elimination tournaments and/or Rep Play-offs, other than the AAAA championships determined by PBLO. PBLO Residency Franchise teams are eligible to compete in Rep Eliminations and/or Rep Play-offs at the AAA level.

- i. The provisions of RP2, RP3, RP4, RP5, RP6 and RP7 do not apply to the PBLO, PBLO Franchises or PBLO Franchise teams, except that RP5 and RP6 apply to PBLO Residency Franchise teams participating in Rep Eliminations and/or Rep Play-offs at the AAA level.

Rep Rule Book: RP5 - Rep Play-Off Procedures

RP5.1 REP PLAY-OFF PROCEDURES

- a. The OBA shall conduct and assist the different Affiliated Association representatives to meet and play off to determine the OBA champions.
- b. The Rep Council shall appoint a Series Chair to handle each series Rep Play-offs.
- c. In order to be eligible to participate in the Rep Play-offs, teams must represent a city, town or municipality within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario. Players must be bona fide and continuous residents of the province in accordance with the Rep Rules and Regulations.
- d. Whenever possible, the Rep Play-offs shall be a tournament. If no host is found by the July meeting of the Rep Council, then that series shall become a home and home style Rep Play-off. Rep Play-off Tournaments will be comprised of 1 team from each Affiliated Association, which has classified a team for such Rep Play-off Tournament, plus a host team. At 22U and Senior, the AAA Play-off shall be the Rep Elimination Tournament.
- e. Coaches must have a copy of their OBA approved roster with them in case it is required during the tournament.
- f. Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team and in tournament style Rep Play-offs, the offending team will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. The game will count as a game played and not count as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.
- g. Any team failing to play a game when ordered will automatically forfeit their right to continue in Rep Play-offs. This causes a \$500.00 fine to be assessed to the team forfeiting. A team that has been suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Rep Council for a hearing. All appeals must be accompanied with a fee of \$50.00.
- h. The Rep Tournament Chair shall provide, immediately, to the Affiliated Associations a listing of any and all disciplinary problems with managers, coaches, players or other team personnel, as reported by the Series Chair.
- i. In all Rep Play-off games, the diamond must be properly laid out; the batter's box marked; the pitcher's mound properly built up and the playing field kept sufficiently clear of spectators and obstructions for the proper performance of the players.

RP5.2 TOURNAMENT STYLE REP PLAY-OFFS

- a. When the number of entrants to a tournament-style Rep Play-off is restricted by other organizations, such as those tournaments played during the Ontario Summer Games, a preliminary round(s) shall be arranged to provide the necessary representatives. Where such preliminary rounds are required to reduce the number of entries, the names of all Affiliated Associations with teams in that Series shall be entered into a draw to determine the pairing(s) of the preliminary round(s). Where such preliminary rounds are required to increase the number

entries, the names of all teams in that Series (after the determining the Affiliated Association representatives) shall be entered into a draw to determine the pairing(s) of the preliminary round(s).

- b. Each Affiliated Association shall notify the Rep Series Chair by Tuesday midnight in advance of the start of the first game of the Rep Play-off Tournament, of its representative in that series and classification. Failure to make such information available by the required deadline, to the Series Chair, shall result in the Affiliated Association forfeiting its place in the Rep Play-Offs, subject to RP5.1(g), plus any other penalty that might be imposed by the OBA.
- c. All draws for tournament style Rep Play-offs will be conducted by the OBA Office.
- d. The host shall designate a Tournament Convenor to convene the tournament. The Tournament Convenor shall not be a member of the host's team in such tournament.
- e. At 8U/9U and Senior AAA Rep Play-offs, the number of rounds scheduled to be completed on Friday may be 1.5 rounds with the Winner's bracket playing Round 2 on Friday while the Loser's bracket will play Round 2 on Saturday. In all other circumstances, each round must be originally scheduled to be completed on the same day.
- f. At 22U and below, except as set out in this paragraph, no team may play more than 2 games in a calendar day. At Senior, teams may not play more than 3 games in a calendar day without written consent of the team. At all age categories, on one day of the tournament, a maximum of 3 games may be played. A suspended game shall count as a game played on both the day it commenced and the day it is completed if 3 or more innings have been played each day. If less than 3 innings are played on the day it is completed, it will not count as a game played on that day. **Note:** Please see RQ2 for rules applying to 8U/9U.
- g. Where scheduling concerns warrant the elimination of teams as early as the first day of the tournament, a maximum of two rounds may be played on day one.
- h. Before distribution to the teams by the Tournament Host Association the complete schedule must be forwarded to the Rep Tournament Chair at least two weeks prior to the tournament for approval.
- i. Teams must be prepared to play on the Friday no earlier than 9:00 a.m. if necessary. In all series up to and including 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 pm or later, then the team cannot be scheduled to play earlier than 9:00 am on the following day.
- j. Where a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, the schedule for the tournament, if published, will be redone. If a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off less than 7 days prior to the tournament and the schedule for the tournament has been published, any scheduled games not played due to teams having dropped out of the tournament shall be considered defaults and shall count as a game played and not as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.
- k. Where a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, and there exists one or more teams that were classified at the relevant classification for the tournament which are not scheduled to attend the tournament because

their Affiliated Association's allotment of teams was filled by other teams, then the spot of the team which dropped out shall be filled as follows:

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

RP5.3 Home and Home Style Play-Offs

- a. The secretary of each Affiliated Association shall notify the Rep Series Chair as to the representatives of their Affiliated Association, after which all arrangements regarding Rep Play-offs are to be completed through the management of the teams and respective Series Chair.
- b. All series shall be the best 2 out of 3; except in the final series in any category, if both teams agree, a longer series may be permitted. The Rep Council shall reserve the right to order a sudden death game in any semi-final or final Rep Play-off.
- c. In order that the final game may be played within a reasonable time, all teams competing in Rep games will be required to play 2 or more games a week.
- d. The home team shall have control of the arrangements for grounds, officials, convenors, etc. The said arrangements are subject to the approval of the Rep Series Chair.

- e. Where the home team operates under floodlights they shall reserve the right to play any or all the Rep Play-off games under the lights.
- f. No home and home style Rep Play-off game shall be scheduled before 1:00pm if the traveling team involved is further than 160 kilometres from location of said game unless previously agreed upon by both teams.
- g. No playing member of either team involved in any series will be allowed to act as convenor.
- h. The Convenor making arrangements for home and home style Rep Play-offs must contact both teams personally regarding dates and times for all games and any further arrangements that might be necessary at least 48 hours in advance of said dates and times.
- i. In all home and home style Rep Play-off games, the period for batting and fielding practice shall be: home team batting practice up to 45 minutes before advertised time of game; visiting team batting and infield practice for the next 30 minutes; home team fielding practice for the next 10 minutes. The home team shall be required to notify the teams of the termination of their allotted time for the various practices. It shall be the duty of the manager of the team at practice to order his/her team to vacate the diamond immediately. When a team is late for its allotted practice time they will forfeit their practice rights.

RP5.4 FORMAT FOR OBA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

Available as a separate download from the Baseball Ontario website

Note: Standard tournament formats for all Rep Play-off tournaments must be used, and those brackets not identified in this RP5.1 will be provided by the OBA Office to the tournament host before the close of business on the Friday following the Rep Classification Meeting.

RP5.5 DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM

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

RP6 REP ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

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

- e. Teams participating in a Rep Elimination Tournament shall automatically be classified by the Rep Council as follows:
 - i. 13U AAA
 - ii. 15U AAA
 - iii. 18U AAA
 - iv. 21U AAA
 - v. Senior AAA
 - vi. Any team participating in a National Championship as a host team shall be classified as AAA.
- f. Applications to enter a Rep Elimination Tournament must be received by the OBA Office by June 15th. The entry fee (payable to OBA), written permission from the team's Affiliated Association, and a proof of each coach's & manager's NCCP number must accompany the application. Applications to enter a Rep Elimination Tournament received after June 15th but prior to the draw being held for the tournament shall be accepted only if accompanied by a late fee of \$100 for each day after June 15th that the application is late.
- g. An information package, including a complete schedule of Rep Elimination Tournament games, rules, and a Rep approved tournament chart will be forwarded to each host by June 30th.
- h. Where a team drops out of a Rep Elimination Tournament 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, the schedule for the tournament, if published, will be redone. If a team drops out of a Rep Elimination Tournament less than 7 days prior to the tournament and the schedule for the tournament has been published, any scheduled games not played due to teams having dropped out of the tournament shall be considered defaults and shall count as a game played and not as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed. A team which drops out of a Rep Elimination Tournament after the draw shall forfeit its entry fee and shall not be classified for the Rep Play-offs.
Note: *If possible a late entry team may be used as a substitute where applicable.*
- i. The Rep Elimination Tournament shall be a double loss knock-out tournament and may require play-downs to be played prior to the tournament. The final Rep Elimination Tournament shall be held on the Civic Holiday weekend annually, except at 13U and 15U which will be held one week prior to the Civic Holiday weekend.
- j. The published chart for Rep Elimination Tournaments may provide for predetermined byes in early rounds (not exceeding the fifth round) of the Rep Elimination Tournament. Thereafter, byes are to be awarded as follows:
 - i. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
 - ii. No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
 - iii. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
 - iv. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.
- k. A local host shall not use any special or local rules in any Rep Elimination Tournament or game(s).
- l. Where scheduling concerns warrant the elimination of teams as early as the first day of the tournament, a maximum of two rounds may be played on day one.

- m. Teams must be prepared to play on the Friday, if necessary (Thursday in the case of 13U, 15U and 18U). 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).
- n. At 18U and below, Rep Elimination Tournaments with 18+ teams where more than 8 rounds of play may be required, the tournament shall be scheduled to begin on the Thursday prior to the Civic Holiday Weekend. Notwithstanding RP6 I), when a Thursday start is required, only one round shall be played.
- o. At 22U, when the Rep Elimination applications exceed 16 teams, a qualifier tournament will be held on the weekend two weeks prior to the Civic Holiday weekend. The top 12 teams from the previous season's 22U Rep Elimination Tournament shall receive an automatic berth into the Rep Elimination Finals Tournament and the remaining teams will participate in the Rep Elimination Qualifier(s). The top 4 teams from the Rep Qualifier earning entry into the Rep Elimination Finals Tournament on the Civic Holiday weekend. No Rep Qualifier Tournament shall permit more than 12 teams to participate, if there are more than 12 teams playing for the 4 remaining spots, the Rep Qualifier shall be split into two separate tournaments and a random draw will determine with the two finalist of each Rep Qualifier earning a spot in the Rep Elimination Finals Tournament.
- p. At the Senior AAA Rep Elimination, the number of rounds scheduled to be completed on Friday may be 1.5 rounds, with the Winner's bracket being scheduled to play Round 2 on Friday while the Loser's bracket will be scheduled to play Round 2 on Saturday. In all other circumstances, each round in a double elimination tournament must be originally scheduled to be completed on the same day.
- q. No game may be scheduled to start prior to 9:00 am for the duration of the Rep Elimination Tournament or any Qualifier. In the event that weather or other unforeseen circumstances require the start time of games to change, the Rep Series Chair shall have sole authority to order a game to begin earlier than 9:00 am provided that teams receive no less than 8 hours prior notice of the change (ie: midnight for an 8:00am start). Under no circumstances may a Rep Elimination Tournament game start prior to 8:00 am.
- r. At the 22U Rep Elimination Tournament, the roster shall be capped at a maximum of 30 players. A maximum of 25 players can appear on a line-up card for any one game. At all other Rep Elimination Tournaments, a maximum roster of up to 25 players will be allowed.
- s. Coaches must have a copy of their OBA approved roster with them in case it is required during the tournament. The coach must write the OBA roster number in the space provided on the tournament sign-in sheet.
- t. The tournament host will maintain a sign-in list for all umpires used in the tournament and forward the sign-in list to the Tournament Chair with the Tournament Report.
- u. Teams must be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played, until the start of their next game. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30-minute period.
- v. Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game, within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team and the

offending team will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. The game will count as a game played and not count as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.

- w. The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to each Rep Elimination Tournament game with the team from the municipality furthest away from the tournament site calling the toss.
- x. Awards shall be presented to the champions and finalists.
- y. The Rep Convenor's Report and specified attachments must be mailed (postmarked) to the Rep Tournament chair within 10 days following the tournament.

SECTION RP7.1 PLAYING NON-REGISTERED TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- a. Except at Senior, any registered team or player shall automatically suspend themselves upon playing with or against any team or players which are not registered with Baseball Ontario without first securing written permission from the Rep Council or the OBA Office; except where an entire team is playing an exhibition game(s) with teams up to and including 18U age, permission may be granted by the secretary of the Affiliated Association to which the team belongs.
- b. Any Rep team participating in a non-OBA sanctioned tournament without permission of the OBA shall be liable for a fine of up to \$500 and may be suspended from further participation in any Rep sanctioned tournament and the Rep play-offs.

SECTION RP7.2 EXHIBITION GAMES AND OUT OF PROVINCE PLAY

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

SECTION RP7.3 OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- a. Any team, Direct Entry, Local Association or Affiliated Association, wishing to hold a tournament where 3 or more teams are competing, must first apply for permission to hold same from the Rep Council. A fee determined by the OBA Board of Management and Rep Council must accompany each application only if teams are from outside the area Affiliated Association. This application must have been approved by the Affiliated Association secretary in the area from which it came. If more than one series or classification which results in more than 1 tournament schedule being scheduled (e.g. Minor, Major, AAA, AA/A) a fee determined by Rep Council must be paid for each tournament.
- b. The Rep Tournament Chair shall have the power to appoint a Rep Representative to any Rep sanctioned tournament.
- c. A list of all Rep sanctioned tournaments will appear on our website, baseballontario.com.
- d. A declared representative from an Affiliated Association must first honour its Rep Play-off and Affiliated Association obligations before participating in a tournament.
- e. Any team not fulfilling its commitment to any Rep sanctioned tournament may be fined and/or suspended from further participation in any Rep sanctioned tournament and the Rep Play-offs provided that this information is provided to the Rep Tournament Chair in writing. The fine for a team not fulfilling its commitment to a tournament is \$500. Any fine collected (after any appeals) is to be split 50/50 between the Rep and the tournament host.
- f. Non-OBA teams registered in Ontario may compete in open, invitational or international tournaments, only if permission of the Rep Tournament Chair is requested. Such non-OBA teams must provide proof of accident and liability insurance to the tournament host prior to being permitted to play in the tournament.
- g. The tournament host is responsible for ensuring that each team in the tournament is either: (i) Rep rostered, (ii) Select registered, (iii) recognized under RP7.3(f) or RP1.12, or (iv) from outside of the Province of Ontario.
- h. Failure by an OBA team to provide a tournament host with a valid OBA roster number will result in a \$200 fine to the team.
- i. The Host Committee must notify each application of acceptance or rejection into the tournament within 10 days following the final deadline date. Failure to comply with such provisions may lead to the tournament not being approved the following year.
- j. A final date for applications for acceptance to the Rep sanctioned tournament must be in the hands of the Host Association at least 21 days in advance of the first date of the tournament.
- k. Before distribution to the teams by the Tournament Host Association the complete schedule must be forwarded to the Rep Tournament Chair at least two weeks prior to the tournament for approval. Failure to comply with such provisions may lead to the tournament not being approved the following year. Failure to comply with this section will result in a \$200 fine.
- l. The complete schedule of tournament games must be sent to each participating team at least one week prior to the first game.
- m. Only Rep rules shall apply for all Rep tournaments, local rules shall not apply. Tournament convenors shall determine curfews, game length, and schedules, including playoff formats.

- n. The final score of any game ended by a game length rule will be the score at the time the game ends regardless of whether an inning was incomplete.
- o. Where a tournament is cancelled prior to any game being played the total tournament entry fee must be refunded to all teams. Where a tournament is cancelled after games have been played the teams will be refunded on a pro rata basis for the games not played.
- p. No special concessions will be granted to any team(s) participating in any of these tournaments.
- q. The tournament host is responsible for ensuring that each umpire is properly carded. Teams may request that the host produce verification of umpire certification prior to the game. Teams may not protest a game based on the carding of the umpires during or after a game.
- r. No tournament game shall start before 8:00am on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and no tournament game shall start later than 9:30pm on any night. Where the published schedule has a team starting a game at 8:30 pm or later, then the team cannot be scheduled to play earlier than 9:00 am on the following day.
- s. Teams must be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played, until the start of their next game, without jeopardy of forfeit. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30 minute period.
- t. Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team, and the forfeiting team fined \$500. Teams failing to return for the second half of a suspended game shall forfeit the game and be subject to an automatic \$500 fine.
- u. At 22U and below, except as set out in this paragraph, no team may play more than 2 games in a calendar day. At Senior, teams may not play more than 3 games in a calendar day without written consent of the team. At all age categories, on one day of the tournament, a maximum of 3 games may be played. A suspended game shall count as a game played on both the day it commenced and the day it is completed if 3 or more innings have been played each day. If less than 3 innings are played on the day it is completed, it will not count as a game played on that day.
- v. The Rep Convenors Report and specified attachments must be emailed to the Rep Tournament Chair within 10 days following the tournament.
- w. If these rules are not adhered to, the tournament shall not be approved or, if already approved, the host association may be fined \$200.00 and the tournament may not be approved the following year.
- x. The Rep Tournament Chair shall provide, immediately, to the Affiliated Associations a listing of any and all disciplinary problems with managers, coaches, players or other team personnel, as reported by the tournament convenors.
- y. Tournament hosts may determine what awards they give to teams and/or players entering their tournaments, provided, however, that cash prizes may only be given to teams (not players) at 21U or Senior tournaments.

RP7.4 TIE BREAKER RULES

- a. Where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:

- i. Teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers
 - ii. Head-to-head record among tied teams;
 - iii. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - iv. Team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
 - v. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - vi. Team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
 - vii. Coin toss
- b. When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will exclude RP7.4(a)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, excluding RP7.4(a)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at RP7.4(a)(i).

RQ1 APPROVED RULES OF T-BALL

RQ1.1 GENERAL

- a. **The Game:** T-Ball is a game of baseball between 2 teams of 11 players, under the direction of a manager and coaches played in agreement with the Official Playing Rules (RQ1-1 d) under the authority of an umpire or umpires on a recommended T-Ball field. It is designed to get young people interested in the game of baseball by stressing and maintaining active participation of all the players; with mandatory alternation of players at a game (RQ1-4 c), with the offensive team utilizing the 11 players as batters to score as many runs as possible and the defensive team using 2 extra outfielders to make as many outs as possible in accordance with the rules.
- b. **Insurance:** Liability insurance must be carried by all T-Ball leagues. Proof of Liability insurance must be sent to the OBA Office.
- c. **Official Playing Rules:** T-Ball is a game of baseball played in accordance with regular baseball rules with the incorporation of the rules contained in these Approved Playing Rules of T-Ball.
- d. **Rosters:** See OBA Rules. Min. - 11. Max. - 25.
- e. **Field Decorum:**
 - i. The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach.
 - ii. The use of tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches or in dugouts.
 - iii. Players or coaches while participating in a scheduled game are not permitted to deliberately harass or direct discourteous remarks at the officials or any member of the opposing team.
 - iv. Managers, coaches or players engaged or persisting in conduct contrary to the spirit, principles and objectives of good sportsmanship in T-Ball, shall receive a single warning

- from the umpire. If the offences continue, offender or offenders will be removed from the game.
- v. Anyone removed from the game must leave the playing field and the spectator area. Failure to do so could result in a forfeiture of the game (RQ1-4 b).

RQ1.2 EQUIPMENT

- a. **Uniforms:** Uniforms shall consist of a sweater, cap, pants and socks and must be worn by all players and coaches while participating in a game. Sweaters shall be individually numbered.
- b. **Gloves:**
 - i. The catcher may wear any type of baseball glove.
 - ii. The first baseman shall be permitted to wear a trapper or fielder's glove.
 - iii. All other members of the fielding team must wear fielder's gloves.
- c. **Helmets:** Each team must supply at least 6 double ear-flapped protective helmets with chinstraps. They must be worn when the players are at bat, while running the bases, while acting as batboy and while in the next batter's circle. Chinstraps must be worn as designed by the manufacturer.
- d. **Footwear:** Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited. Shoes with moulded rubber cleats may be used.
- e. **Catcher's Equipment:** The catcher's equipment shall consist of a chest protector, shin guards, facemask and helmet, which must be worn during practices, game warm-ups and regular games. A metal, fibre or plastic cup-type athletic support must also be worn.
- f. It is recommended that all players wear athletic supports of the plastic cup-type.
- g. **The Ball:** The ball shall weigh not less than 5 oz. or more than 5.25 oz. It shall measure not less than 9 in. or more than 9.25 in. in circumference. OBA approved baseballs.
- h. **The Bat:** The bat shall be round and made of wood or aluminium. It shall not be more than 33 in. in length. It shall not be more than 2 1/4 in. in diameter at its largest part and not less than 1 1/16 in. in diameter at its smallest.
- i. **The Batting Tee:** The batting tee shall be a stand that will be placed on home plate for the purpose of holding the ball for the players to swing at. It should be portable and adjustable to the height of the player's choice. Each team may use its own tee when at bat. Safety must be a key element when selecting a batting tee.
- j. **The Playing Field:**
 - i. The distance between all bases shall be 60 ft.
 - ii. The distance between the point of home plate and the pitcher's rubber shall be 50 feet.
 - iii. Batter's boxes shall be 3 ft. wide and 6 ft. long. The inside line shall be parallel to and 4 in. away from the side of home plate. It shall extend 3 ft. in front of and 3 ft. behind the centre of home plate.
 - iv. The coach's box shall be 4 ft. wide and 8 ft. long, and shall not be closer than 6 ft. to the base lines.
 - v. The infield arc is a line dividing the infield playing area from the outfield. It has a 50 ft. radius from the centre of the playing line (RQ1.3 a) extending from foul line to foul line.

RQ1.3 DEFINITIONS

- a. **Playing line** - is an imaginary line running directly from first base to third base, which is a guide for the plate umpire to determine a fair hit ball.
- b. **Forfeited game** - is a game declared ended by the umpire for violation of the rules. The score will be recorded 5-0 for the offended team.
- c. **Fair hit ball** - is a legally batted ball that in the plate umpire's opinion will or could have firmly crossed the playing line (RQ1.3 a) in fair territory, even if it is fielded before crossing the line.
- d. **Dead hit ball** - is a legally batted ball that, in the umpire's opinion will not or could not have firmly crossed the playing line, even if fielded in front of the playing line. This excluded a ball put into play by an illegal swing (RQ1-3 l). If the ball is caught in flight by the defensive team, the batter is out and the ball is in play until time is called.
- e. **Strike** - is when:
 - i. the ball is swung at by the batter and is completely missed.
 - ii. the ball is a dead hit, fouled or put into play by an illegal swing (RQ1.3 l) by the batter when he/she has less than 2 strikes.
- f. **Illegally batted ball** - is when the batter hits the ball, either dead, fair or foul with one or both feet on the ground entirely outside the lines of the batter's box (RQ1.3 k).
- g. **Fielder's choice** - is when any defensive player has control of the ball in the infield area (RQ1.3 h) and in the judgment of the plate umpire there is no attempt to make a play on any of the base runners, time will be called, and the base runners, in the judgement of the umpires, will be held on the base they last occupied or the unoccupied base they were approaching when time was called. A player raising his/her hand with the ball therein above his/her head will not automatically attain a call of time by the umpire.
- h. **Infield area** - is the area, in the judgement of the plate umpire, in which the defensive infielders would normally play in performance of their duties. It also includes the adjacent foul territories which are encompassed by the playing line being extended to the playing field boundaries.
- i. **Appeal** - must be made before "play" is called for the next batter; in the case of the last batter, it must be made before the last defensive player is off the field.
- j. **Lead-off** - is when a runner is off his/her base when the batter hits the ball off the tee.
- k. **Batter's box** - is an area on each side of home plate, within which the batter shall have both his/her feet during his/her time at bat.
- l. **Illegal swing** - is when the batter does not take a full swing or chop swings downward at the ball. This is considered bunting and is contrary to RQ1.4 a). (Penalty see RQ1.5 n).

RQ1.4 GENERAL RULES

- a. In T-Ball there shall be no pitching to the batter, therefore there will be no base-on-balls awarded; there is no bunting and the infield fly rule does not apply.
- b. Each team shall have a starting line-up of 11 players. If at any point during the game a team cannot field the 11 players, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team.

- c. All players listed in the game line-up in which their team is participating must be scheduled to play at least 2 innings of a 5 inning game. It is compulsory that players play a complete inning when alternated and must be put in at the beginning of an inning.
- d. 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time, the manager must give a copy of his/her batting line-up for each of the 5 innings to be played to the opposing manager and the official scorekeeper. A player must be listed to bat in the same batting position for each inning until substituted. He/she may return to the same or any other batting position in the line-up following the inning in which he/she was substituted. No changes to the line-up will be permitted in the first 3 innings of the game, except in the case of injury or sickness. (A player substituted for because of injury or sickness may not re-enter the game until the following inning.) Prior to the start of the fourth and/or subsequent innings, valid additions or changes to the line-up must be made before the plate umpire calls play for the first batter at the beginning of that inning. All line-up changes must be reported to the plate umpire, official scorekeeper and the opposing manager. If a player is listed on the game score sheet but is not in attendance at the game when his/her scheduled time at bat or his/her turn to take a defensive position occurs, the offending team shall forfeit the game. Late arriving team players who are not listed on the home score sheet may only be inserted into the line-up to play the fourth and fifth innings at the manager's discretion (RQ2.4 c).
- e. The batting orders must be followed for each inning. A batter who fails to bat in his/her proper batting position shall be declared out on an appeal by the defensive team, if another player completes a time at bat in his/her place. However, the proper batter may take his/her place in the batter's box at any time before the improper batter becomes a runner or is put out and any strikes will be assumed by the proper batter. If the improper batter becomes a base runner or is put out and the proper appeal is made the plate umpire shall:
 - i. declare the proper batter out,
 - ii. nullify any advances or scores made by the base runners because of a ball batted by the improper batter, and
 - iii. the next batter will be the player in the batting position following the player who was called out because of missing his/her turn at bat. If the appeal is made too late then the improper batter becomes legal and the player in that batting position is considered to have completed his/her turn at bat. The next batter will be the player in the next batter position in the line-up.
- f. If at the time a game is scheduled to begin, a team does not have a minimum of 11 eligible players, a maximum extension of 15 minutes will be allowed before the plate umpire declares the game forfeited to the non-offending team.
- g. If 15 minutes past the scheduled game time, neither team can field 11 eligible players the umpire shall declare a double forfeit.
- h. Each defensive team shall have:
 - i. a catcher who shall play a position normally taken by the catcher behind home plate, far enough back so he/she does not interfere with the batter while batting,
 - ii. a pitcher who shall play in the infield and must assume a set position with both feet on the pitcher's rubber until the ball is hit,

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

league officials who shall deal with it as they see fit.

In tournament play, all protests are settled on the playing field before any further play continues. The umpires shall consult with each other and if they cannot resolve the protest between them, they shall call in the tournament umpire-in-chief or protest committee and this decision is non-appealable.

RQ1.5 PLAYING RULES

- a. To begin the game, the plate umpire shall instruct the home team to take their positions in the field, place the tee of the batting team on home plate and call “play” for the first batter of the offensive team.
- b. The batter becomes a base runner when:
 - i. he/she hits the ball hard enough to cross the playing line in fair territory (RQ1.3 a) and c).
 - ii. the catcher interferes with him/her while he/she is attempting to hit the ball. The batter is awarded first base, the ball is dead and no runner may advance except those forced by the batter becoming a base runner. In the event that the batter, in spite of the interference, hits the ball fairly (RQ1.3 c) and reaches any base safely and all runners have advanced at least 1 base safely, then the interference is disregarded. In the case of catcher interference on the last batter while he/she is attempting to hit the ball, the ball is dead, no runners may advance and the last batter is allowed to continue his/her turn at bat with the same count. In the event the last batter, in spite of the catcher interference, hits the ball fairly and reaches home plate safely, the ball is alive and the catcher interference is disregarded. However, in all cases of catcher interference, the offensive manager has the option of accepting or refusing the catcher interference.
- c. A batter is out when:
 - i. his/her fair hit, dead hit, foul fly or fly ball put into play by an illegal swing is caught by a member of the defensive team. The ball is alive and in play until time is called.
 - ii. he/she hits the ball illegally. The ball is dead and runners may not advance (RQ1.3 f).
 - iii. he/she has 3 strikes called on him/her. The ball is dead and runners may not advance (RQ1.3 e).
- d. A base runner is out:
 - i. on a force play, when the base they are advancing to is tagged by a member of the defensive team with a live ball.
 - ii. when he/she is tagged.
 - iii. when running off his/her baseline to avoid a tag.
 - iv. when he/she is hit by a fair batted ball, either on or off his/her base, before the ball has touched or passed an infielder trying to make a play on the ball not including the pitcher. The ball is dead and no runner may advance.
- e. **Lead-offs:** No player on the offensive team, while a base runner, shall take a lead-off from the base he/she is on until the batter has hit the ball from the tee. When any runner has taken a lead-off, the base umpire shall indicate same by dropping a red flag. Play is permitted to continue and

all runners are in jeopardy. At the end of the play when time is called, any outs will stand and all other runners will return to their original bases and the batter, if not put out will return to bat with the same count. In the event that lead-off occurs on the last batter, play will continue and all legal runs are allowed to score except player(s) who lead-off.

- f. If a fielder intentionally drops a fly ball or line drive, when first base is occupied, the force is removed and the base runner must be tagged.
- g. **Overthrows:** Base runners may advance when a ball is overthrown to any base until such time a defensive player has control of the ball in the infield area and there is no attempt to make a play (RQ1.3 g and h). In the event the overthrown ball leaves the playing field, the base runners shall be permitted to advance to the base they were approaching when the ball was thrown plus 1 more base. Runners with last batter status (RQ1.5 i) are allowed to continue to score.
- h. The offensive team's turn at bat ends when:
 - i. the last batter has 3 strikes.
 - ii. the last batter has hit the ball illegally (RQ1.3 f).
 - iii. when the catcher (only) touches home plate with the last batter's fair hit ball (RQ1.3 c) in his/her possession. The ball must be thrown over the playing line (RQ1.3 a) at least once on its way to the catcher unless the fair hit ball was fielded in front of the playing line. The pitcher, only, is allowed to assist the catcher in the home plate area. Penalty - In the event a defensive player other than the pitcher, in the judgement of the umpire crosses into the home plate area, the umpire will call time and allow all legal runs to score.
 - iv. base runner with last batter status (RQ1.5 i) is hit by a fair hit ball either on or off his/her base before the ball is touched by an infielder or has passed an infielder, excluding the pitcher, the ball is dead and no runs may score.
 - v. the last batter's fly ball is legally caught and there are no runners on the bases.
- i. **Last Batter Status:** Any players on the offensive team who are base runners when the last batter is at bat are regarded in the same manner as the last batter and no defensive play can be made on them on the bases. They are all forced to home plate when the last batter has hit the ball fairly (RQ1.3 c).
- j. In the event the last batter's fair hit ball leaves the playing field by going over the outfield fence, either in flight or bouncing over, it will be considered a home run and all runners having last batter status will be allowed to score. However, if the ball goes under or gets caught in the outfield fence and in so doing interferes with the fielder's chances to field the ball, all base runners will be allowed to score, but not the batter.
- k. In the event that the last batter of the offensive team is out on a fly ball, the players who are base runners shall be permitted to score, provided they are on the base when the ball is caught or they retouch it after the ball is caught before touching the next base. These runners have to score prior to the ball being returned to home plate.
- l. In the event that the last batter of the offensive team or any base runner with last batter status is obstructed in any manner by any defensive player while running the bases, it shall be the discretion of the umpire as to how far he/she would have advanced had there been no obstruction.
- m. A run does not count when a runner with last batter status:

- i. reaches home plate after the plate has been legally touched by the catcher.
 - ii. has led-off and reaches home plate safely.
 - iii. has not tagged up and reaches home plate safely.
- n. Illegal Swing: When a batter puts a ball into play by an illegal swing (RQ1.3 l) the plate umpire shall indicate same by dropping a red flag; play is permitted to continue and all runners are in jeopardy. At the end of play, when time is called, all outs will stand and all other base runners will return to their original bases. The batter, if not put out, will resume his/her turn at bat with a strike added to his/her count (no third strike can be applied, RQ1.3 e ii). In the event the last batter puts the ball in play by an illegal swing it shall be considered a dead ball unless caught in flight by a defensive player.

RQ1.6 UMPIRES

- a. Once the batting line-ups have been exchanged the plate umpire takes charge of the game and takes his/her place behind home plate.
- b. The decisions of the umpire shall be final; however, the managers of each team shall be entitled to ask for permission to approach the umpires for an interpretation of the rules. No umpire shall overrule any other unless invited into consultation.
- c. The umpires are the only ones that can call "time".
- d. To resume play after time has been called, the plate umpire will call for the next batter, and after the next batter has stepped into the batter's box, the umpire will place the ball on the tee and call "play". The batter is then allowed to hit.
- e. In the interest of safety, the plate umpire must remove the tee from home plate to prevent any interference with a play at home plate. Failure to do so will be no cause for the umpire to change the results of the play.
- f. The plate umpire must call out all strikes, dead hits and foul balls as quickly as possible. He/she must also indicate an illegal swing by dropping a red flag.
- g. The plate umpire shall notify opposing managers of any changes or additions to the original line-up as reported to him/her (RQ1.4 d).
- h. Base umpires shall:
 - i. judge the position of the runners when the ball is thrown out of the playing area (RQ1.5 f),
 - ii. watch for and indicate lead-offs (RQ1.5 d) and inform the plate umpire which runner(s) lead-off if they have last batter status (RQ1.5 j),
 - iii. watch for and inform the plate umpire of runners that do not retouch when the last batter's fly ball is caught (RQ1.5j) and
 - iv. hold up runners when time is called (RQ1.3 g).
- i. All umpires must make sure the fielders are all behind the playing line and the pitcher is in his/her proper position before play is called for the next batter.
- j. It is the duty of the plate umpire, after he/she has been notified, to call out "last batter". Failure to do so does not nullify the play.

- k. The plate umpire may terminate a game before its completion for reasons of darkness, bad weather or dangerous field conditions, etc.
- l. The umpires shall have the authority to rule on any situation not covered specifically in the Official Playing Rules.

RQ2 APPROVED PLAYING RULES OF 8U/9U

RQ2.1 REGULATIONS

All Rep Rules & Regulations pertaining to membership, territorial rights, registration, players signing, fees, insurance, classification, Rep Play-offs, and tournaments shall apply as stated in the current version of the OBA Procedures and Playing Rules and the Procedures and Playing Rules of the Rep Division, as amended each year at the Annual Meetings.

The Approved Playing Rules of 9U apply to both 9U and 8U.

RQ2.2 DIAMOND LAYOUT

- a. The pitching machine is placed directly in front of home plate at a distance of 44 ft.
- b. An 8 ft. diameter safety circle shall be marked off directly in front of home plate and its centre shall be 44 ft. from home plate. No player is permitted to enter the safety circle, which is considered a dead ball area. Enter means that any part of the body enters the safety circle.
- c. Electrical cord must run along or under the ground from the pitching machine to the electrical source. A ball that hits the cord outside of the safety circle shall remain live and in play.
- d. In addition to electrical pitching machines, Louisville Slugger UPM 45 Blue Flame Pitching Machines are approved for Rep 9U play. It is recommended that a radar gun be present to confirm the machine settings produce pitches at the speed contemplated by RQ2.3 f). Note: A tournament may use either electric or mechanical machines, but not both.

RQ2.3 PLAYING RULES

- a. A team shall comprise of a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 25 players, all signed to team rosters of the series and classification of the team entered. Each team must have at least 1 manager and/or 1 or more coaches signed to a team roster clearly marked manager or coach and who shall be responsible for that team.
- b. Each team shall have a catcher, a first baseman, a second baseman, a third baseman, a shortstop, a left fielder, a right fielder, 1 pitcher and 2 centre fielders in the line-up. A team may play as long as it has 9 players at the game. If it drops to 8 or few players at a game, then the game is forfeited to the other team.
- c. The pitcher must stand beside the pitching machine outside of the safety circle and behind the release point of the pitching machine. Lines shall be drawn from the release point to 4 ft. beyond the circle. The pitcher must have both feet on or within 4 feet behind the white line until the ball is released from the machine. Once the ball is released from the machine, the pitcher may move

in front of the line, but may not move through the circle. The machine shall be 44 ft. from home plate. Only the pitcher may return a live ball to the operating coach with runners on base. The pitcher must wear a NOCSAE approved batting helmet with facemask and chinstrap attached as designed by the manufacturer and may not be removed until the play is complete. Penalty: Time will be called at the completion of the play and 1 base will be awarded from the position of the runners at the time the play was completed. Neither the pitcher nor any other player may in any way break the plane of the 8 foot diameter circle around the machine whether stepping on the circle line or reaching into the circle while in an attempt to field a ball. Play will be called dead and 1 base will be awarded. All other forced runners will move 1 base.

- d. Infielders can ask for time in the infield area. Time will be given at the umpire's discretion when continuous action from the play has stopped. **NOTE:** The ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infield may ask for time. Continuous action ends when the defense stops trying to field the baseball, and the offense stops trying to advance.
- e. Until the ball is fed into the machine, outfielders shall position themselves at least 15 feet beyond the base paths, or on the outfield grass, whichever is closer.
- 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 a maximum of 40mph and a minimum of 35mph.
- g. All 8U/9U baseball games shall be 7 innings or until a winner is declared. The game ends immediately after the deciding run scores, except for a home run out of the playing field or where additional runs are scored through the awarding of bases by rule in which case all runs are counted up to the 7 run inning maximum. Five innings shall constitute an official game except that a winner is declared and the game declared official at any point that the opposing team is unable to win or tie the game.
- h. Each batter shall receive a maximum of 5 strikes as called by the umpire. The batter shall not be called out if the 5th strike is called a foul ball. If a ball crosses the plate over the batter's head or bounces into the dirt, the umpire will not count it as a strike unless the batter swings at the pitch.
- i. Batters cannot walk or bunt. (Bunts are automatic outs.)
- j. There shall be no passed balls or wild pitches.
- k. Base Runners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and the offending runner will be called out. No other runners may advance. No stealing allowed.
- l. If a batted ball hits the pitching machine or any adult in the playing field, then the ball is declared dead and the batter is awarded first base with the corresponding move of any base runners who may be forced to move. The coach feeding the machine must not interfere with any play being made by the defensive team. Otherwise, the batter will be called out and the runners will be returned to their base of origin. In case of the third out the side is retired.

- m. When a thrown ball hits the pitching machine or the cord within the circle, then the ball is declared dead and each base runner (including the batter-runner) shall advance one base from the time the ball becomes dead.
- n. The plate umpire shall be behind the catcher. The second umpire is the traditional base umpire.
- o. The on deck batter, the batter and base runners must wear a prescribed protective helmet with flaps covering both ears. Chinstraps are mandatory and will be worn as designed by the manufacturer. Helmets may not be changed except after the inning has been completed, or the player has been retired or has crossed home plate.
- p. Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
- q. All catchers are required to wear a mask with throat protector, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, cup and cup type supporter during the game and during any warm-up, machine set-up, etc.
- r. In addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in OBA play. Except with respect to diameter, these bats shall meet the dimensional requirements specified in the Official Rules of Baseball. The maximum diameter of the bat barrel may be 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.
- s. All players in uniform (Rep Rostered) must be put in a continuous batting order, with the bat person being the exception. If a player is removed from the game due to injury, illness or official ejection, the player's spot in the batting order shall be deleted. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury, official ejection, or has to leave for any reason during the time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the pitch count at the time the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall then take his/her regular turn at bat.
- t. A coach/manager may only communicate positive instructions to his/her players on the field.
- u. Up to 3 games may be played in 1 day.
- v. An inning will be 3 outs or a maximum of 7 runs.
- w. The infield fly rule does not apply.
- x. The coach operating the pitching machine is required to wear a baseball helmet. For the purposes of this rule a skull cap is considered a baseball helmet. **Penalty:** the team will be warned one time to wear a helmet and for second violation or refusal to wear the helmet, the coach will be ejected.
- y. The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct the batter before feeding the machine, but shall not instruct runners during the play. **Penalty:** the coach shall be warned. If the action continues, the coach will be removed from the game.
- z. Batters at 9U must drop the bat and not throw it (intentionally or unintentionally) upon hitting the ball. **Penalty,** each team shall be entitled to one warning per game. After the warning, any further offences by a team shall result in the batter being declared out, the ball being dead and runners returning to their bases. If, prior to the team's warning, a batter throws the bat resulting in an injury, the ball is dead and play shall be halted and the team will receive its warning. The player's at bat will continue. **NOTE:** The pitch will count as one of the batter's 5 strikes. If it is the 5th strike, the batter will be declared out.
- aa. Once time has been granted by the umpire, the ball is returned to the Offensive Coach within the pitching circle. At this time, the plate umpire should say "Play" to make the ball live. The defensive pitcher may ask the offensive coach for the ball so he/she can make an appeal by

tagging the base or the runner and indicating to the umpire the runner missed the base/left early/etc. The offensive coach must give the ball to the defensive player when requested. As per the Official Rules of Baseball, appeals must be made while the ball is live on either the base that was missed by a runner or the runner – as long as the defense indicates clearly that an appeal is being made.

RQ2.4 APPROVED BALLS FOR 8U/9U

Any baseball approved for 11U play.

REP APPENDIX A GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

1. Affiliated Associations shall agree by and comply with all applicable Procedures and Playing Rules, By-Laws and Policies of the OBA.
2. Send a copy of the Affiliated Association's By-laws to the OBA Office.
3. Send a list of the Officers, along with their names, addresses and telephone numbers, of the Affiliated Association to the OBA Office within 30 days of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliated Association.
4. Send a copy of the Affiliated Association's Annual Financial Statement to the OBA Office within 30 days of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliated Association.
5. Send a copy of all minutes of meetings of Affiliated Associations to the OBA Office within 30 days of the meeting.
6. Notify the OBA Office as to the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliated Association 30 days prior to the meeting.
7. Pay annual affiliation fees, certificate tax and other fees that may be required by OBA.
8. Determine team classifications according to Article R6.01 of the Rep Procedures and Playing Rules.
9. Process playing rosters according to the current OBA roster procedures.
10. Notify the Rep Chair of each series as to the play-off representatives from the Affiliated Association.
11. Approve tournament requests prior to submission to the OBA.
12. Approve clinic requests prior to submission to the OBA.

REP APPENDIX B AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Algoma Baseball Association	ABA
Central Ontario Baseball Association	COBA
Eastern Ontario Baseball Association	EOBA
Hamilton District Baseball Association	HDBA

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

B2 - AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES & TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

1. **ABA - ALGOMA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at, but excluding Massey on #553, then North on Highway # 553, excluding all area on said Highway, then on a straight line due West to Highway #129, then North on #129, including the Town of Chapleau, then on Highway #101 to Wawa and Lake Superior, then South along Lake Superior to Sault Ste. Marie, then East along Highway #17 to Massey.
2. **COBA - CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** (Formerly Halton County Baseball Association). Starting at Lake Ontario, North along the Etobicoke Creek (Peel/York County Border) to Highway #50, then North on Highway #50 (excluding Bolton) to Highway #9, then West on Highway #9 (including Orangeville) to County Road leading to Fergus, then South on Highway #6, (excluding Guelph) to Highway #24, then South on Highway #24 to Highway #99 (excluding all centres), then East to Hamilton City Limits (excluding Dundas) to Lake Ontario, then East along Lake Ontario to starting point.
3. **EOBA - EASTERN ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** The territory governed by the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and approved by the Ontario Baseball Association shall begin at Lake

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

4. **HDBA - HAMILTON & DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at Lake Ontario, West along the Northern Boundaries of the City of Hamilton (including Dundas), South along the Hamilton-Wentworth Region boundary (including Ancaster) and East to Lake Ontario (including Glanbrook and Stoney Creek).
5. **ICBA - INTER COUNTY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at Highway 2 (Governors Road) and Highway 19 (Plank Line), excluding Thamesford; then east on Highway 2 to Oxford County Road 6 (Foldens Road); south on County Road 6 to County Road 12 (Sweaburg Road); then East on Sweaburg Road and south on Rural Road (Cedar Line) to Curries Road, east on Curries Road to Muir Line (Brant-Oxford County Line); north on Muir Line to Highway 53; then east on highway 53, including Brantford, to the boundary of Greater Hamilton; then northwest along the boundary to Highway 99; west along Highway 99 to Highway 24; then north on Highway 24 including Cambridge, Guelph and all centres on Highway 24 to Highway 7; thence west on Highway 7 including Bridgeport, Kitchener, Waterloo, New Hamburg and Stratford to Highway 19; then south on Highway 19 to Highway 2. Please note: St. Thomas 21U and Senior remain in the ICBA.
6. **LDBA - LONDON DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at, but excluding Port Bruce on Lake Erie, North on County Road 73 (Imperial Road) to County Road 45 (John Wise Line); west on County Road 45 to County Road 35 (Springwater Road); north on County Road 35 to County Road 52 (Ron McNeil Line); East on County Road 52 to County Road 73 (Imperial Road); North on County Road 73, across Highway 401, north to Highway 2 (Dundas St.); East on Highway 2 to Highway 19, including Thamesford; North on Highway 19 to Highway 7, then west on Highway 7, excluding St. Mary's to Highway 81 including Strathroy to and along County Road to Christena on Highway 2 to and including Melbourne, then south along County Road leading to and including Port Talbot on Lake Erie.
7. **NBBA - NORTH BAY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at the Northern most point of Highway #539-A, but excluding any location on it and going due East to Temagami on Highway #11 to the Ottawa River, then South along the Ottawa River to the Northern boundary of the National Capital Senior Baseball Association, thence along the Northern boundary of Algonquin Park to the York Simcoe Baseball Association's Northern boundary, then due West on Highway #518 to Highway #69, but excluding any location on Highway #69, then due North to Warren, and excluding any location of this line including Warren.
8. **NCBA - NORTH CENTRAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at Massey on the West, then North to the end of Highway #553, then due East to the end of Highway #539-A, then South through a

point on Highway #17 at Warren to a Southern limit on Highway #69, excluding Parry Sound, then due West from Georgian Bay to include all of the Manitoulin Islands.

9. **NCOPA - NATIONAL CAPITAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** The territory governed by the National Capital Senior Baseball Association shall be the newly incorporated city of Ottawa. Also included are the Counties of Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell and Stormont. The legal description of the territory (by the Province of Ontario), shall be: the most southerly shores of the Ottawa River to the north; the Ontario-Quebec border, to the east; the most northerly shores of the St. Lawrence River, to the south; the most easterly boundaries of Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington and the most easterly boundary of Nipissing, to the west.
10. **NDBA - NIAGARA DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at the Niagara River, then South along the Niagara River to Lake Erie, then West along the shore of Lake Erie to and including Port Maitland, then North along County Road to Highway #3, then along Highway #3 (including Dunnville and Cayuga) to Highway #54, then North on Highway #54 to Highway #6 (excluding Caledonia), then North on Highway #6 to the Boundary of the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth, then East and South along the boundary of Hamilton-Wentworth to Lake Ontario, then East along the shore of Lake Ontario to the Niagara River.
11. **SCBA - SOUTHERN COUNTIES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at Port Maitland, north along County Road to Highway 3, excluding Dunnville and Cayuga, to Highway 54; then north on Highway 54 to and including Caledonia; then north on Highway 6 to the boundary of the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth; then west along the boundary of Hamilton-Wentworth to Highway 99; then west along Highway 99 to Highway 24; then south on Highway 24, excluding Brantford; then west along the former Highway 53 to Muir Line (Brant-Oxford County Line); south on Muir Line to Curries Road; west on Curries Road and north on Rural Road (Cedar Line) to Sweaburg Road (Oxford Rd 12). Turn west on Sweaburg Road to Oxford Road 6 (Foldens Road). Turn north on Oxford Road 6 to Highway 2 (Governors Road). Proceed west on Governor's Road, excluding Thamesford, to County Road 73 (Elgin Road); south on County Road 73 to Elgin County Road 52 (Ron McNeil Line); west on County Road 52 to County Road 35 (Springwater Road); south on County Road 35, across Highway 3, to County Road 45 (John Wise Line); then East on County Road 45 to County Road 73 (Imperial Road); south on County Road 73 to Lake Erie, including Port Bruce.
12. **SPBA - SUN PARLOUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting and including Essex County, the entire Townships of Romney and Tilbury East and that part of Raleigh Township, West of Kent County Road #6 and South of Kent County Road #14 of the County of Kent.
13. **TABA - TIMMINS AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** For the purpose of boundaries, the T.A.B.A. considers the Kirkland Lake area to be, the Town of Kirkland Lake and all communities and rural areas within 25 mile radius plus the city of Timmins and all communities and rural areas within 25 mile radius of that city.
14. **TBA - TORONTO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Everything within the boundaries of the County of York which is South of Steeles Avenue and Markham Town Road or an Easterly extension thereof.
15. **TBBA - THUNDER BAY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at, and including White River on Highway #17, then North to, and including, Manitouwadge, Caramac, and Long Lac, then on a

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

16. **WCBA - WESTERN COUNTIES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Includes all territory East of the following boundaries, starting at Kent County Road #6 and Kent County Road #14 of the County of Kent to the following Eastern boundaries, starting at and excluding Port Talbot on Lake Erie, North on County Road, to Highway #2, East on Highway #2 to and excluding Christena, then North along County Road to Highway #81, then North along Highway #81 excluding Strathroy to and excluding Grand Bend on Lake Huron.
17. **WOBA - WESTERN ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at and including Grand Bend on Lake Huron, South on #81 to #7, then East along #7 (and the St. Mary's by-pass to include St. Mary's) and excluding Stratford, New Hamburg, Kitchener and Waterloo to #6, then North on #6 (excluding Guelph but including all other centres) to and including Fergus, then Northeast along county road to #9, then East to but excluding Orangeville, then North on #10 to Georgian Bay including all centres except Shelburne.
18. **YSBA - YORK SIMCOE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:** Starting at Steeles Avenue and Regional Road 50, North on Regional Road 50 including Bolton to Highway #9, West on Highway #9 to and including Orangeville (which is bounded by the area of Regional Road 109 on the south, Regional Road 25 on the west, Highway 89 on the North and Regional Road #10 on the east), then North on Regional Road 10 to Georgian Bay including Shelburne, but excluding all other centres, then Easterly along the shoreline to and including Parry Sound, then East along County Road 518 to Sand Lake, then due East to Algonquin Provincial Park boundary, then South along boundary to Regional Road 60, then Southerly along Regional Road 60 to Regional Road 35, then South along Highway Regional Road 35 to Regional Road 48, then along Regional Road 48 to and excluding Bolsover, continuing to Lakeridge Road excluding Bolsover and Beaverton, then South on Lakeridge Road then west to Regional Road 30, then south to Steeles Avenue to starting point.

REP APPENDIX C NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER DRAFTS

C1 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER DRAFTS - 13U, 15U, 18U, & 22U

Where Ontario has more than one entry in a Baseball Canada National Championship Tournament in any of the 13U, 15U, 18U, or 22U Series the following procedure shall be used to finalize the rosters of both the Ontario representative team Elimination Winner (1st), then 2nd, 3rd 4th (if applicable) and Host Team.

Important Note: At no point, prior to the completion of the draft outlined below, should a player be contacted regarding attending Nationals as a supplementary player with their team.

DRAFT PROCEDURES

The Series Chair will arrange a meeting (or conference call) of the Elimination Winner, second/third or more teams and Host Team (if applicable), following the Elimination tournament. The Head Coach and one Assistant Coach from each team participating in the National Championship may be represented on the call, to supplement their rosters.

A National championship team roster is not to exceed the amounts as set out by Baseball Canada.

NOTE: All coaches must have their required coaching credentials at the National Level to be eligible to be on a Nationals roster.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

Baseball Ontario Player:

- Players on an approved Baseball Ontario Rep roster or Select roster may be selected to represent Ontario at a National Championship.
- Players must be on a Baseball Ontario approved Roster.
- The home location of Baseball Ontario Rep or Select rostered players will be determined by the location of their team's home ball park.

Baseball Ontario Recognized Program Player:

- A player rostered on a Baseball Ontario recognized program, as posted annually on the Baseball Ontario website, may also be selected to represent Ontario at a National Championship.
- Players from a Recognized Program will not be protected and will only be eligible for selection during the Rest of Province selection process.

PROCESS FOR PLAYER SELECTION

- Concentric circles with a 40 kilometre (25 mile) radius drawn using each team's home park as the centre will be created for the draft.
- The Series Chair, with the assistance of the Competition Chair or Overall Series Chair will help to identify Local Associations in the crossover area that are in the crossover zone and Local Associations that are in the protected areas of each of the teams.
- All teams will then alternate to select additional players to supplement their roster based on the team placement at applicable Elimination Tournament, Winner will be 1st and then 2nd/3rd/4th team and then the Host.

CROSS OVER:

Where there is a cross over or overlap of concentric circles, the following procedure for player selection is used and all teams, including only those teams whose area is part of the overlap will follow this cross-over process where there is cross over:

1. The Elimination Winner will have first selection of the section of the circles that overlap. Selections will alternate based on the predetermined team order (based on placement at Elimination Tournament with host selecting last), until such time that the teams have completed choosing players from the overlapping section. **Note:** Should any team, at any time, choose to forego a selection, the other team may continue to make selections from the crossover section.
2. The Elimination Winner may then select as many players from its unique protected area and declare when the selections are completed from their protected area.
3. The subsequent team(s) based on the predetermined team order may complete their selection of players from their unique protected area and declare when the selections are completed from their protected area.
4. The Host of the National Championships may then select players from their unique protected area.
5. Players from the rest of the province including players rostered on a Baseball Ontario Recognized Program are selected next. The Elimination Winner selecting first and then in the predetermined team order until the team(s) roster are either full or the team(s) do not wish to make any further selections. **Note:** Should a team, at any time, choose to forego a selection, the other team(s) may continue to make selections.

NO CROSSOVER:

When there is no crossover in the concentric circles, the following procedure for player selection is used:

1. The Elimination Winner may select as many players from its unique protected area and declare when the selections are completed from their protected area.
2. The subsequent team(s) based on the predetermined order may complete their selection of players from their unique protected area and declare when the selections are completed from their protected area.
3. The Host of the National Championships may then select players from their unique protected area.
4. Players from the rest of the province including players rostered on a Baseball Ontario Recognized Program are selected next. The Elimination Winner selecting first and then in the predetermined team order until the team(s) roster are either full or the team(s) do not wish to make any further selections. **Note:** Should a team, at any time, choose to forego a selection, the other team(s) may continue to make selections.

COMPLETION OF DRAFT

- Upon completion of the main part of the draft, the teams in alternating fashion, starting with the Elimination Winner, will be allowed to select three additional players in the event, that any of their original selections choose not to participate.
- Following the draft, the coaches must contact the Head Coach of the teams from which the players have been selected and then contact the players directly to offer them a spot.

- In the event, a player declines a spot with one of the teams; that player is not eligible to play any other team representing Ontario at that National Championship. If a player declines a position, the teams may then contact their alternates.
- The Series Chairs will provide Baseball Ontario office the results of the draft.
- Baseball Ontario will provide the coach with the official National Championship team roster form.
- The final rosters must then be submitted to Baseball Ontario by the deadline determined by Baseball Canada.

C2 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER DRAFT - SENIOR SERIES:

Following the Senior Elimination Tournament, the following procedure shall take place when two or more Ontario teams are representing the province at the Senior Men's Nationals:

- a. The Senior Series Chair shall conduct a National Player Draft no later than 72 hours following the completion of the Senior Elimination Tournament.
- b. Players may not be contacted by any team prior to the National Player Draft.
- c. No later than 24 hours prior to the draft, each team shall present a list of 15 potential players that they are interested in selecting as additional players to complement their National Championship roster.
- d. The Senior Series Chair shall contact each player on the list to request the player's availability to attend Nationals if they are selected to attend. No team shall contact the player prior to being drafted.
- e. Prior to the National Player Draft, the Senior Series Chair shall present a list of the available players to the team.
- f. There are no restrictions on players that can be selected to attend Nationals as a pick-up, players may be selected to attend Nationals with any representative team regardless of geographical location.
- g. A player may only attend Nationals with the team they are drafted to. If the player elects to not attend Nationals with that team, that player is ineligible to attend Nationals with another team. The National Player Draft shall follow the procedure outlined below:

ROUND 1

1. Team Ontario 1 shall select the first two picks.
2. Team Ontario 2 shall select the next two picks.
3. Any subsequent team shall select their first two picks in order of how they finished at Eliminations.

ROUND 2

1. Each team will then select 1 player in order of Elimination Round until no further picks are necessary.

BASEBALL ONTARIO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

OBA – BOM 1

1.04 d)

Amend 1.04 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE d) as follows:

d) Nominations for Officers:

Officers shall be nominated (in writing) i) by an Affiliated Association in good standing and operating the previous year, or ii) by a member of the OBA Board of Management or iii) by a member of the Rep Council or iv) by a member of the Select Council. Rep Directors may only be nominated by i), ii), and iii). Select Directors **may be nominated by iv) or any Select Member in good standing and operating the previous year.** The nominations must be at the OBA Office not later than October 25th prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. In order for a name to remain on the ballot, a nominee must so request at the Annual Meeting in person, or must have indicated to the OBA Office in writing, prior to the election.

Rationale: To allow any Select member to nominate persons for election as Select Directors to the Board. This is what exists on the Rep side. Currently, only Select Council can nominate Select Directors.

OBA – BOM 2

1.04 e)

Add a new 1.04(e), re-letter the remainder:

e) The President of the OBA may not hold the position of Commissioner or Vice Commissioner for either Division while serving as President of the OBA.

Rationale: The President of the OBA should not also be serving as a Commissioner or Vice Commissioner.

ICBA – BOM 1

Add to the end of 1.09 b) the following sentence:

When the President receives an appeal in writing, the President shall review the appeal and determine whether, in the President's discretion, the appeal either (i) presents new information not available or presented to the board or committee which made the decision appealed from or (ii) represents an important and compelling matter which justifies the holding of an appeal. Where the President determines that either (i) or (ii) applies, the President shall name a committee of at least 3 members of the OBA Board of Management who shall hear the appeal. The decision of the committee shall be final. The committee shall also rule on the disposition of the deposit. **The decision of the committee on the appeal may increase, decrease or leave alone any sanction or penalty awarded as part of the decision being appealed.**

**SELECT DIVISION
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

SC 1

In S1.03.1 b, and throughout the Select Constitution and Playing Rules, change all references to Select Vice-Commissioner to Select Deputy Commissioner.

REP DIVISION PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RC 1

In R1.03 b, and throughout the Rep Constitution and Playing Rules, change all references to Rep Vice-Commissioner to Rep Deputy Commissioner.

RC 2

Effective for the 2025 baseball season:

Create a New AAAA

R4.01 CLASSIFICATION

a. The OBA shall offer for annual competition the following Rep Play-Offs:

Category	30,001+ Households	30,000 and Fewer Households
8U	AAA, AA, A	B
9U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
10U	AAA, AA, A	B
11U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
12U	AAA, AA, A	B
13U	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
14U	AAA, AA, A	B
15U	AAAA, AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
16U Girls	AAA	
16U	AAAA, AAA, AA, A	
18U	AAAA, AAA, AA, A	B, C
Category	All Households	
22U	AAA, AA, A, B	
Women	AAA	
Senior	AAA, AA, A, B, C	

Add a new R4.01 w), relettering the remainder:

w. The AAAA Provincial Championship for all levels where it is offered shall be the Elimination Tournament. At 22U and Senior, the winner of the Elimination Tournament shall be declared AAA Provincial Champions.

Rationale: This is part of the High Performance Proposal.

WOBA 1

Add 18U D under 30,000 and Fewer Households

Rationale: 2017 was the last time 18u D Provincials were held. At the AGM that year, D was suspended effective 2018 as a temporary measure due to a decreased number of teams in C & D at that time. At that time the classification suspension was explained to be temporary and for 2 years. Provincials were affected due to Covid in 2020-2021 and even into the 2022 season, that 2023 was a solid return with ample teams at 18u C to warrant the reinstatement of D.

ICBA 1

Create a new BB classification as follows:

R4.01 CLASSIFICATION

a. The OBA shall offer for annual competition the following Rep Play-Offs:

Category	30,001+ Households	30,000 and Fewer Households
8U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B
9U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B, C, D
10U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B
11U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B, C, D
12U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B
13U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B, C, D
14U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B
15U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B, C, D
16U Girls	AAA	
16U	AAA, AA, A, BB	
18U	AAA, AA, A, BB	B, C
Category	All Households	
22U	AAA, AA, A, B	
Women	AAA	
Senior	AAA, AA, A, B, C	

Rationale: BB will be for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th teams from Local Associations to relieve the pressure from the AA, and A levels.

WCBA 1

Insert a new R4.01 c., relettering the remainder:

- c. Any team, that includes players on their roster who also participate with a program recognized pursuant to RP1.12 Eligibility, will be classified A or higher regardless of their Local Association's household count.

Rationale:

Teams are classified based on their performance in league and tournament play from the beginning of the season through to early July. Teams that add players from "recognized programs" typically play without these players present during their league and tournament play prior to classification. Therefore, the results used to classify teams does not represent the teams that show up to the provincial championships once the players from the "recognised programs" are present with the teams. This leads to teams being classified well below their onfield capability once these players are present. The impact is much more pronounced at B/C/D classifications than at the A and above categories. Thus, the amendment is intended to move B/C/D teams that roster these high performance players to their teams to a more appropriate classification.

ICBA 2

Make the following changes to R4.02 a.

- a. Each Affiliated Association in order to participate in the Rep Playoffs must be prepared to enter the Rep Play-offs on the dates as set by the Rep Council (for all series) but in no case shall that date be later than the fourth Saturday in August.
Note: Labour Day weekend (except in 22U, 18U and Girl's Baseball, 8u and 9u) is the recommended dates for Tournament style Rep Playoffs.

and add a new 4.02 g., relettering the remainder:

- g. All 8U and 9U Rep Play-offs will be scheduled 1 week prior to the Labour Day week-end.

Rationale: Move the 8U/9U provincials off of the Labour Day week-end.

SCBA 1

Change R4.02 g. to read as follows:

- g. Except at Senior AAA which will be the Senior Elimination Tournament, all Senior Rep Play-offs will be scheduled **3 weeks after the August Civic Holiday weekend.**

Rationale: Rational is because many Senior players also coach their children. Having the Senior OBA on the same weekend as all the other OBA championships makes the Senior players must choose between playing and coaching their children. Would also be open to another date other than 3 weeks after Civic holiday, but had to choose a date.

RC 3

Effective for the 2025 baseball season, create a new RP1.12 and RP1.13, renumbering the remainder as follows:

RP1.12 – HIGH-PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

The OBA shall sanction High Performance (AAAA) programming at 15U and 18U as follows:

- i. Type A: OBA Local High-Performance Programs
 1. Participate as part of a Local Association and has all the rights, privileges, and obligations of such.
 2. May run Rep programming at all levels.
 3. May run Select programming at all levels.
 4. May run House League programming at all levels.
 5. May run umpire and coach clinics.
 6. Must participate in the OBA Rep Elimination tournament for their age category.
 7. May participate in Rep AAA or AAAA sanctioned tournaments.
 8. May participate in any summer baseball league they so choose.
 9. Players are eligible for the Ontario Youth Team and National teams.
- ii. Type B: OBA Affiliate High Performance Programs
 1. Participate as part of an Affiliated Association run program.
 2. May only run Rep programming at any level.
 3. May not run Select or House League programming.
 4. May run umpire and coaching clinics.
 5. Must participate in the OBA Rep Elimination tournament for their age category.
 6. May participate in Rep AAA or AAAA sanctioned tournaments.
 7. May participate in any summer baseball league they so choose.
 8. Players are eligible for the Ontario Youth Team and National teams.
- iii. Type C: OBA High-Performance Partners

1. Does not participate as a part of a Local Association or Affiliated Association.
 2. Operate at 14U and above only.
 3. Meets requirements for High-Performance Partnership (see RXXX).
 4. May participate in Eliminations so long as they adhere to the OBA Arm Care rules throughout the season and comply with the OBA Coach Certification.
 5. May participate in Rep AAA sanctioned tournaments but must adhere to OBA Arm Care rules for the duration of the tournament.
 6. May participate in any summer baseball league they so choose.
- b) The recruiting period for OBA High-Performance programs shall begin no earlier than June 30th and end no later than October 31st annually.
 - c) OBA High-Performance programs may not begin try-outs prior to the Tuesday following Civic Holiday weekend.
 - d) OBA High-Performance programs must declare their final cuts no later than October 31st annually so that players may have an opportunity to try out for their Local Association within which they reside.

RP1.13 – HIGH-PERFORMANCE PARTNERS

The OBA Rep Council shall automatically approve annually the application for any High-Performance program which operates primarily in the Province of Ontario so long as that program is considered in good standing with the OBA.

- a) In order to be in good standing with the OBA, a High-Performance Partner must:
 - i. Operate independently of any youth baseball programming which is not recognized by the OBA.
 - ii. Operate independently of any youth baseball program which offers summer programming for athletes 13U age and younger.
 - iii. Applies annually to be a High-Performance Partner.
 - iv. Purchases the OBA Insurance policy or provides evidence of satisfactory insurance to operate in Ontario.
 - v. Submits a roster of players to the OBA Office by the Rep Roster deadline.
 - vi. Annually, pays Rep Provincial Registration Fee per team as determined by the OBA Board of Management and Rep Council.
 - vii. At the start of their partnership, pays a one-time Partnership fee to the OBA as determined by the OBA Board of Directors.
- b) OBA High Performance Partners may participate in the OBA Elimination Tournament so long as they adhere to the OBA Arm Care rules throughout the season and comply with the OBA Coach Certification.
- c) OBA High Performance Partners may participate in any OBA Rep AAA sanctioned tournament but must comply with Arm Care rules for the duration of the tournament.

- d) Players registered with a High-Performance Partner may not participate on a OBA Rep or Select team at the age category that they currently participate in but may be called up to play on an older team from the Local Association in which they reside.
- e) Players registered with a High-Performance Partner are eligible for the Ontario Youth Team and Team Canada should they be selected for one of these teams.

Rationale: This is part of the High Performance Proposal

RC 4

Effective for the 2025 Season,

Delete Section R3.02 – PBLO Residency Franchise

Delete Section RP1.13 – PBLO

Rationale: This is part of the High Performance Proposal.

SENIOR AAA ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1

For the 2025 season, in RP1.1 AGE AND CATEGORY make the following change:

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

CATEGORY/SERIES	AGE OF PLAYER AS OF DECEMBER 31st OF THE CALENDAR YEAR
8U	Not older than 8 years of age but not younger than 6 as of December 31 st
9U	Not older than 9 years of age
10U	Not older than 10 years of age
11U	Not older than 11 years of age
12U	Not older than 12 years of age
13U/13U Girls	Not older than 13 years of age
14U	Not older than 14 years of age
15U	Not older than 15 years of age
16U/16U Girls	Not older than 16 years of age
18U	Not older than 18 years of age
21U	Not older than 21 years of age
Senior/Women's	Unlimited but not younger than 17 as of December 31 st

Rationale: When the age limit was changed from 21U to 22U, it was stated to be as a trial for a 3-year period. Moving from 21U to 22U has negatively impacted Senior without any real improvement for 21U/22U. Senior AAA teams voted 16 to 1 in favour of changing 22U back to

21U. Recognizing that some 2024 22U teams have already been selected, the change would happen for the 2025 season if passed.

RC 5

Effective for the 2025 Season add to RP1.3 new (i) and (j)

(i) Players may try out for any AAAA program operating within the Province of Ontario regardless of their residency without a release. Should the player be successful in making the team, no release is required.

(j) Non-High-Performance (NHP) Playing rights for non-AAAA programs are retained by the Local Association within which the player resides or the OBA Rep team with which the player was last rostered. For greater clarity, if a player from Brampton tries out for the Markham AAAA program and does not successfully make the team, that player must play in Brampton or obtain a release.

COBA 1

In RP1.5 e., make the following change:

- e. Where a player desires to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association that does not hold their playing rights, the player must obtain:
 - i. a release from each Local Association that hold their playing rights as set out in RP1.5 b); and
 - ii. a release from the Affiliated Association where the player resides, if they desire to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association outside of the Affiliated Association where they reside.

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, 15U, 16U, 18U, 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.

Rationale: Provide for open releases at 14U and up.

RC 6

Add a new RP1.5 g, relettering the remainder:

- g. Release requests must be responded to and adjudicated by the Local Association or Affiliated Association, as the case may be, within 14 days of receipt. The Local Association or Affiliated Association may extend this due date by an additional 14 days

should more information be required and must do so in writing to the person requesting the release. Should the request not be responded to within these parameters, the release will be automatically granted.

COBA 2

Add a new RP1.7 f. as follows:

- f. OBA shall publish a list on its website of any player, coach, manager, umpire or other person who is suspended by OBA. The list shall include the length/expiration of the suspension.

Rationale: There should be a list of suspensions so that Local Associations and Affiliated Associations can check whether someone is suspended.

RC 7

Add a new RP1.8(c), re-letter the remainder

- c. For the 15U and 18U Eliminations only, OBA teams may call players across from other teams within their Local Association at the same age category, so long as that team is not also playing in the Elimination tournament (e.g., an 18U team may call a player to their Elimination team from their 17U team (i.e. an 18U team of all 17U aged players), or their 18U A team). For greater clarity, a player may only play for one team in any one Elimination tournament.

Rationale: This is part of the High Performance Proposal.

YSBA 1

Delete RP1.8 c. and replace with the following:

- c. Where a Local Association has more than one team at a series, players that are on the lower classified/tiered team may be “called up” to the higher classified/tiered team. Where a Local Association has both a Select Division team(s) and a Rep team(s) at a series, players from the Select Division team(s) may be called up to the Rep team(s), provided the players comply with the residency rules and are the proper age.

Rationale: Argument: There is no disadvantage of using a player in the same age group, just lower tier than calling up from a lower age group. As an example, a team could theoretically call a 13U AAA player up to the 14U AAA team, who is potentially more skilled than a 14U A player. Therefore, there are no advantages to this rule and only makes sense. MLB moves players up between A-AA-AAA and all levels in between. Other sports do the same when there are multiple tiers at one age group.

SENIOR AAA ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2

Add to RP1.8 a new e. as follows, relettering the remainder:

- e. A player must turn 19 years old or older during the year to be eligible to play Senior AAA either as a rostered player or as a call up. 18U players are ineligible.

Rationale: Senior AAA teams voted 11 to 6 in favour of restricting Senior AAA to those 19 or older.

COBA 3

In P1.9 c. and d., make the following changes:

- c. Submitted rosters may be edited by Local Associations until **May 31st**.
- d. No changes to players on a roster may be made after **May 31st** without the consent of the OBA Rep Registrar.

Rationale: Moving the roster deadline date up to May 31st will require teams to fix their rosters earlier to prevent moving players between teams in a Local Association.

YSBA 2

Add the following to RP1.9 h.,

- h. No player may participate in a Rep tournament or Rep Play-off without their name on a team roster. 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 and this is discovered, then the game will be forfeited, and the Manager/Head Coach will receive a 1 game suspension. If it is discovered after the game, the game will not be counted as a forfeit, but the Manager/Head Coach will receive a 1 game suspension.

Rationale: cleans up the rule and adds a penalty.

RC 8

COBA 4

YSBA 3

Delete RP1.12 b – Eligibility

Rationale: Allow for OBA rep teams to play non-recognized teams. NOTE: there is also a corresponding rule change to P7.3



Elections

2023-2024 Select Council Slate

COMMISSIONER		
David Black	Toronto	
David Huctwith	Mississauga	
Jim Koenigsberger	St. Catharines	

VICE-COMMISSIONER		
Jim Koenisberger	St. Catharines	
Scott Manson	Ajax	
Justin Snively-Topping	London	

COUNCILLOR (returning for 2nd year of 2 year term)		
Steve Koziel	Bradford	
Scott Manson	Ajax	
Patrick McConnell	Toronto	
Randy Reid	Brampton	

COUNCILLOR (to be elected for a 2 year term)		
Eric Dunn	Saugeen Shores	
David Fuller	Toronto	
John Clement	Hamilton	
Annette Hoggarth	Goderich	
Jim Koenigsberger	St. Catharines	
Rich LePage	Maidstone	
Justin Snively-Topping	London	
Chris Walls	Sault Ste. Marie	

2023-2024 Board of Management Slate

PRESIDENT		
Ed Quinlan	Port Hope	
Ray Merkley	Orillia	

VICE-PRESIDENT		
Ray Merkley	Orillia	
Rebecca Sauder	Barrie	

DIRECTORS - To be elected by Rep Members:		
Dirk Driberg	Vaughan	
Aaron Dunlop	Belle River	
Frank Fascia	Brampton	
Mark Orton	Oshawa	
Glenn Ostrosser	Stoney Creek	
Justin Snively-Topping	London	
Chris Wilhelm	Staffa	

DIRECTORS - To be elected by Select Members:		

2023-2024 Rep Council Slate

COMMISSIONER		
Justin Snively-Topping	London	
Dirk Driberg	Vaughan	

VICE-COMMISSIONER		
Dirk Driberg	Vaughan	
David Huctwith	Mississauga	

COUNCILLORS		
Rob Companion	London	
Dirk Driberg	Vaughan	
Aaron Dunlop	Belle River	
Chad Ewing	Wallaceburg	
Frank Fascia	Brampton	
Blair Hains	Milton	
Glenn Ostrosser	Stoney Creek	
Justin Snively-Topping	London	
Jon Sylva	Tecumseh	
Allyn Ward	Listowel	