

## R CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE REP DIVISION

### R1 ORGANIZATION

#### R1.01 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.

#### R1.02 REP MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

- a) Rep Members shall consist of such Affiliated Associations, Local Associations, Associate members and Direct Entries, which shall agree to abide by and comply with the OBA Constitution and By-Laws, including the Rep Constitution. Members of the Rep Council, both those elected and appointed, Life Members, Honourary Members, 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 Constitution, the term "Direct Entry" shall mean a team affiliating directly with the Rep Division and not through an Affiliated Association.

**Note:** A baseball association, which is a direct member of the Rep Division, will be known as an "Affiliated Association" and a baseball association, which is a direct member of an Affiliated Association, and an indirect member of the Rep Division, shall be known as a "Local Association".

- 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.

#### R1.03 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 Directors, the 3 Directors 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 Operational Committee shall be appointed by the Rep Commissioner from the Rep Council members.
- c) The Rep Operational Committee shall consist of up to five (5) members and the positions shall be that of Rep Commissioner, Rep Vice Commissioner, Rep Budget Chair, Rep Immediate Past Commissioner and one Rep Director.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) The President and Vice President of the OBA are deemed to be voting ex-officio members of Rep Council.

#### **R1.04 DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- a) Past Presidents existing as of the date this section is approved will have all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a Rep Past Commissioner.

#### **R1.05 MEETINGS**

- a) The Annual Meeting of the Rep Division (which term shall include a Rep Annual and Special Meeting) shall be held in conjunction with the OBA Annual Meeting.
- b) No delegate shall be permitted to speak or vote at a Rep Annual Meeting or Rep Special 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 Meeting") at any time, but must do so at the request of 3 Affiliated Associations. At all Rep Special Meetings, 8 delegates shall form a quorum. 4 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 Meeting or Special Meeting.
- f) At a Rep Annual Meeting or Special 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 Meeting providing notice of such arrears has been given in writing to the Affiliated Association a month prior to the Rep Annual Meeting.
- h) A delegate may only vote as a representative of the Affiliated Association through which he/she is registered or in whose territory he/she resides.
- i) "Electing Officers and Directors" - The OBA shall, at its Annual Meeting, provide the delegates with a proper form of printed ballot, giving the offices and nominations for each. In the case of the nominations for Directors, of which 6 are to be elected annually, 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 is to be considered spoiled and not counted. In the case of nominations for Select Directors, of which 3 are to be elected annually, all eligible voting delegates must mark their ballots for 1,2 or 3 of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not counted.
- j) Each person nominated for election as an Officer or Director shall be given a maximum of two minutes to speak about their candidacy. Nominees may decline to speak.
- k) A delegate may only vote as a representative of the Affiliated Association through which he/she is registered or in whose territory he/she resides.

#### **R1.06 AMENDMENTS**

- a) i) An amendment to the Rep Constitution and By-Laws may only be made at a Rep Annual Meeting or Special Meeting and must be approved by 2/3 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 25<sup>th</sup> prior to the Rep Annual Meeting and the OBA Office shall then forward by mail 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.
  - i) An amendment may only be proposed by the Rep Council or by an Affiliated Association in good standing.

- e) At a Rep Annual Meeting, the Rep Council may propose a resolution for an experiment that differs from the Rep Constitution and By-Laws. 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. Any references in the Constitution 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 Constitution and By-Laws 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 Constitution and By-Laws shall be removed.
- f) Order of Business - Annual Meeting:
- i) Reading of the Minutes of the last Rep Annual Meeting and any Rep Special Meeting during the year.
  - ii) Administrator/Secretary's Report.
  - iii) Reports of Board Committees.
  - iv) Consideration of Reports.
  - v) Amendments - Notice of Motion.
  - vi) General Business.
  - vii) Election of Officers and Directors
- g) Rules of Order of Rep Annual Meeting or Special 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 Constitution and By-Laws or at law, all motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. When the presiding officer sees fit to exercise his/her right to vote on any question before the meeting, he/she shall, from the chair, be at liberty to explain his/her vote, and any question on which there is an equality of votes in consequence of the presiding officer'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 his/her 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 officer.
  - x) When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each delegate holding up his/her right hand. The presiding officer shall declare the vote on all questions and should his/her declaration be disputed, he/she may require the delegates voting "Yea" and "Nay" to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by him/her.

#### **R1.07 GENERAL**

- a) The Rep Constitution and By-Laws as shown in this document are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the Rep Commissioner in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Rep 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. The OBA Board of Management or the Rep Council shall appoint an Advisory Committee comprised of the

Past Rep Commissioners and Life Members to advise upon matters presented to them by the officers, OBA Board of Management or Rep Council.

- b) Any Affiliated Association and/or officers of same, which fails to uphold the rulings and enforce the decisions of the OBA or the Rep Council will leave said Affiliated Association, and/or officers open to suspension by the OBA.
- c) A catalogue of Rep Council approved forms for requesting and/or recording of information to be submitted to the OBA Office be included as an Appendix in the Constitution. Forms will be reviewed and updated annually.

#### **R1.08 REP COMMISSIONER'S APPEAL PROCESS**

- a) Any decisions made by the Rep Division (other than a protested game, which is governed by RP2.14 and classifications which are governed by R4.01e) and Appeal of Fines governed by R6.02 may be appealed to the Rep 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 Rep Commissioner receives an appeal in writing, the Rep Commissioner shall review the appeal and determine whether, in the Rep 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 Rep Commissioner determines that either (i) or (ii) applies, the Rep Commissioner shall name a committee of at least 3 members of the Rep Council who shall hear the appeal. The committee shall also rule on the disposition of the deposit.
- c) The Rep 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 Rep 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 in Section 1.09 of the Baseball Ontario Constitution.

### **R2 FEES**

#### **R2.01 MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Every Affiliated Association desirous of joining the Rep Division shall send to the OBA Office a completed application for membership, a list of its officers, a copy of its constitution and by-laws.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

#### **R2.02 DIRECT ENTRY GUARANTEE**

- a) Each Direct Entry must pay a guarantee deposit of \$500.00 to be returned only if the Direct Entry completes its obligations as stated in the OBA Constitution and By-Laws and the Rep Constitution and By-laws.

#### **R2.03 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 8<sup>th</sup> to the OBA Office. Failure to pay the Provincial Registration Fee shall result in the team(s) not being classified.

## **R2.04 REP PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT FEE**

All teams in Rep Play-off Tournament play will pay the following participation fees to the tournament host:

- a) teams in 13U and below ..... \$450.00
- and
- b) teams in 14U and above ..... \$500.00.

If the team defaults on the payment of such fee or fails to meet its commitment to play in the Rep Play-off tournament, the Rep Division will pay the appropriate tournament fee to the host, pending any appeals. The Rep Division will collect the fine from the offending Affiliated Association/Local Association.

## **R2.05 SETTING FEES**

- a) Rep Council has the authority to increase any fee applicable to the Rep Division and OBA Board of Management shall include such increased fee in the OBA budget.
- b) Where Rep Division, Rep Council or any subcommittee of Rep Council, including the Elite Division Steering Committee, desires to lower a fee applicable to the Rep Division (other than as set out in R2.04), then such decrease is only effective upon the approval of the OBA Board of Management.
- c) Where OBA Board of Management desires to increase a fee applicable to the Rep Division, such increase is only effective upon the approval of Rep Council.

## **R3 TERRITORIAL RIGHTS**

### **R3.01 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.

### **R3.02 PBLO RESIDENCY FRANCHISE**

- e) 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.

## R4.01 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	
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
<b>Category</b>	<b>All Households</b>	
21U	AAA, AA, A	B
Women	AAA	
Senior	AAA, AA, A, B, C	

In addition, the Rep Division shall offer the following championships through PBLO:

AAAA 18U

AAAA 16U

- 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:
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 week-end following the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- p) 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 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.

Except at Senior AAA and Senior AA, the champions in any category shall be classified in the next high category the following year.
- q) 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.
- r) No player may participate with more than 1 team in any 1 series.
- s) 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.
- t) 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.
- u) The winner of the Senior Rep Elimination Tournament will be declared the Senior AAA champions.
- v) 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 makes it eligible.
- w) 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.
- x) The winner of the 21U Elimination Tournament will be declared 21U AAA champions.
- y) Teams entering the 18U Rep Elimination Tournament are not eligible to participate in the 18U Rep AAA OBA Championship.
- z) 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.
- aa) For 8U, 9U and Girls Baseball, the OBA Play-off Tournament format shall be at the discretion of the Rep Council each year.
- bb) 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.

#### **R4.02 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 21U, 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 week-end.
- 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.

#### **R4.03 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.

#### **R4.04 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

- a) Championship teams of each Rep Play-off series shall receive a trophy 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) 15U and below: 20 awards
  - ii) 16U and 18U: 20 awards
  - iii) 21U, Senior and Women's: 25 awards

#### **R4.05 VISITING TEAM EXPENSES**

The visiting teams shall pay their own travelling expense.

## **R5 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES**

### **R5.01 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE**

- a) For purposes of R5.01, "playing rules" shall include RP2, RP3, RP4, RP5, RP6, RP7, RQ1 and RQ2.
- b) Except at Senior, all proposed changes to playing rules must be submitted by (i) a member of Rep Council or (ii) an Affiliated Association to the Baseball Ontario Office no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Baseball Ontario Office will distribute proposed rule changes to all Affiliated Associations by October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- c) 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 at the Rep Annual General Meeting.
- d) At a Rep Rules Approval Meeting, the following shall be entitled to vote:
  - i) each member of Rep Council shall have one vote;
  - ii) the Supervisor of Umpires, the Supervisor of Coach & Player Development and the Chair of Safe Sport/Risk Management shall each have one vote; and
  - iii) each Affiliated Association in good standing as of the previous Rep Annual General Meeting shall have one vote.
- e) Changes must be approved as follows:
  - i) by 2/3 of the votes cast on the motion; and
  - ii) a majority of Affiliated Associations voting on the matter.
- f) For changes at Senior, the following will apply:
  - i) Rep Council shall appoint two senior advisory committees: (1) one for Senior AAA and (2) one for Senior AA, A, B, C and D.
  - 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 playing rules to the Baseball Ontario Office for circulation to Rep Council at least 30 days prior to the Rep Council meeting at which the proposed changes will be considered.
  - iv) To be adopted, changes must be approved as follows:
    - a) by 2/3 of the votes cast on the motion; and
    - b) a majority of the Affiliated Association representatives voting on the matter.
- g) Notwithstanding R5.01 b) to f), Rep Council may from time to time review and modify Rules RP2.1 through RP2.5, where in the opinion of the Rep Council the changes are in the best interests of the members as a whole and/or matters that are related to safe sport (risk management). Such changes require the same approvals as set out in R5.01 f) iv).
- h) The Rep Division acknowledges that the OBA Board of Management is empowered to impose rule changes in the best interest of baseball as per paragraph 1.04 a) v) of the Baseball Ontario Constitution.

### **R5.02 BASEBALLS**

Each year at the Rep Annual Meeting, the Rep Council will submit for discussion and approval a list of baseballs for use in the upcoming season.

## **R6 DISCIPLINES AND FINES**

### **R6.01 DISCIPLINE**

- a) Teams, officers or players may be suspended by the Rep Council for knowingly:
  - i) Permitting betting or improper conduct by players or officers at Rep games.
  - ii) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any Rep 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, or Affiliated Associations against the best interests of baseball.
- vi) Violating the Baseball Ontario Code of Conduct.
- b) Any team or player which shall play under an assumed name shall be suspended from the Rep Division and any coach or manager knowingly permitting a player to play under an assumed name shall be suspended from the Rep Division, 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 Rep Tournament or a Rep Play-off shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. Any further penalty shall be decided by the Rep Council.
- 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.

#### **R6.02 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 the Rep Technical Committee 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.) The Rep Technical Committee must hear an appeal of a fine within 45 days after the appeal is filed with the OBA Office.

**RP REP PLAYING RULES**

The rules in RP1 to RP7 apply to teams registering and playing in the Rep Division.

**RP1 PLAYER SIGNING**

**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:

8U	2012-2014 Only. Players born in subsequent years are not eligible.
9U	2011
10U	2010
11U	2009
12U	2008
13U/13U Girls	2007
14U	2006
15U	2005
16U/16U Girls	2004
18U	2002
21U	1999
Senior/Women's	Unlimited ( <b>Note:</b> These years are to be automatically updated each year.)

**SECTION RP1.2 BIRTH RECORDS**

- a) 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 drivers 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.
- b) 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**

- a) The basic premise of the Rep Division's residence rule is that players are to play with the Local Association where they reside.
- b) Players must establish residence within the Local Association on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Baseball Ontario Constitution and By-laws and/or the Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division or the best interest 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.

#### GIRLS BASEBALL

- i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section RP1.3,
  - i. A female may, but is not required to, register with both a Girls Baseball team and a non-Girls Baseball team.
  - ii. 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.
  - iii. Where the Local Association in whose territory 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.
  - iv. 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.
  - v. Female athletes have the option of playing one year overage in each of the following Series: 9U, 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 he/she resides as set forth in RP1.3 and RP1.4; and (ii) the Local Association where he/she 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 he/she resides 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 his/her 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 his/her playing rights, the player must obtain:
  - i. a release from each Local Association that hold his/her playing rights as set out in RP1.5 b); and
  - ii. a release from the Affiliated Association where the player resides, if the player desires to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association outside of the Affiliated Association where the player resides.

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 21U or Senior where no release is required and a player may sign with a team that does not hold his/her 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

## OFFENCES

- 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 21U or below shall be allowed to advance to a higher series of his/her own Local Association without affecting his/her status in the series and classification of the team with which he/she is registered. Any player, who advances, must play with his/her original team when the team he/she advances to and the team he/she is registered with have games on the same date. Where the original team is competing in a weekend tournament, the player shall not be eligible to be used as a call up to the team he/she is advancing to until their original 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:
  - ii. A 9U player may only advance to 11U.
  - iii. A 11U may advance only to 13U.
  - iv. A 13U may advance only to 15U.
  - v. A 15U may advance only to 18U.
  - vi. Players who turn 16 years of age in the calendar year may only advance to 21U.
- 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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 week-end, 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.
- e) 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) A permanent identification number will be assigned to a Rep registered player based on his/her birth registration number. For players without a birth registration number, the OBA will assign a permanent identification number.
- b) The OBA shall update the eligibility for a series for all previously registered players, based upon the player's birth year, at the beginning of each subsequent calendar year. Team rosters will be prepared by OBA, by sorting the updated player information by Local Association or Direct Entry and by series. Team rosters will be made available to Local Associations or a Direct Entry through the OBA online registration platform.
- c) Team rosters will be available for editing through the OBA online registration platform by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the following playing season.
- d) Each Local Association shall be responsible for providing as necessary through the OBA online registration platform the complete and accurate information for each returning player and each new player. The required information includes: proper name, date of birth, birth registration number, gender, proper address of residence including postal code, telephone number and valid email address. In addition, completed information for the head coach/manager and all coaches is to be provided.
- e) By virtue of having their Local Association submit a team roster, the head coach/manager accepts responsibility for the authenticity of the information shown on his/her team roster.
- f) The Local Association shall submit the team roster to the Affiliated Association registrar for approval.
- g) The Affiliated Association registrar shall check the submitted team roster ensuring that all information is complete and accurate (i.e., players are registered for the proper team and series, birth records are confirmed, necessary player releases are included, etc.), that all required player releases are included and that all registered coaches have the proper credentials.
- h) The Affiliated Association registrar approves the team roster by submitting the roster to OBA for approval through the OBA online registration platform. By submitting a roster, the Affiliated Association registrar accepts responsibility for confirming the completeness and accuracy of the submission.
- i) The OBA shall review the team roster submitted to ensure that the information for each player and coach/manager is complete and that the required number of players and coaches are present, copies of birth records and player releases are submitted where required, no player is registered with a series for which he/she is not eligible.
- j) When all requirements of the OBA Constitution and By-laws are met for the team's registration, the OBA shall approve the roster through the OBA online registration platform.
- k) Approved rosters will be sent to the Affiliated Association and Local Association through the OBA online registration platform.
- l) Subject to the deadlines set forth in this section RP1.9, rosters may be amended through the OBA online registration platform by adding or deleting players after they have been initially approved by the Local Association, Affiliated Association and/or OBA.
- m) Teams must submit a preliminary roster to the OBA Office through the OBA online registration platform on or before April 28<sup>th</sup>, or 2 business days prior to the team's first game, whichever is later. Any team playing without having submitted a roster after May 1<sup>st</sup> shall be automatically suspended until such time as the roster is submitted. Changes to a roster may be submitted to the OBA Office through the OBA online registration platform until June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current playing year; provided, however, that Affiliated Associations with approved registrars, shall have until July 8<sup>th</sup> to submit their changes to the OBA so long as the Local Association shall have submitted the changes to the Affiliated Association by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- n) Team rosters submitted to the OBA by the deadline, but not completed correctly, must be resubmitted correctly to the OBA Office by August 8<sup>th</sup> of the current playing year.
- o) Where a team, which is playing an Affiliated Association schedule prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, fails to submit a roster to OBA by the deadline, the team may register late upon paying a \$500 late registration fee to the OBA. In so registering, the team must provide evidence satisfactory to the Rep Registrar that the players listed as being part of such team were part of such team roster prior to June 30. **Note:** This provision does not permit individual players to be added to any team roster after June 30.

- p) No player shall be added to a team roster before September 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year, nor after June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current playing year.
- q) Affiliated Associations must forward all team rosters and certificate tax for all of their players and teams whether they participate in Rep Play-offs or not. No player may participate in a Rep tournament or Rep Play-off without his/her name on a team roster.
- r) Where this section refers to the providing of rosters, the same shall be provided through the OBA online registration platform.

#### **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. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 RP1.12 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 Board of Directors.
- d) 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.
- e) 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 RP1.13 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.

### **SECTION RP1.14 ELITE BASEBALL DIVISION**

Baseball Ontario has established an Elite Baseball Division so that Baseball Ontario players can compete at the highest level at the respective age levels.

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

- a) Any Affiliated Association desiring to participate in the Elite Division is required to advise the Baseball Ontario Office and the Elite Division Commissioner of its intent by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) Any Affiliated Association that wishes to withdraw from the Elite Division is required to advise the Baseball Ontario Office and the Elite Division Commissioner by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c) Any Local/Affiliated Association may register an Elite team at the 15U, 16U, and 18U age level with the Baseball Ontario Office and the Elite Division Commissioner by July 1<sup>st</sup> thus advising that they will be offering an Elite team for the following playing year.

- d) Tryouts for these Elite teams may start as early as July 1<sup>st</sup> and must be completed no later than the second Sunday in September.
- e) 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 appeal process is available.
- f) 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 Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division and the Rep Playing Rules.
- g) Each Elite team will forward their roster, through the respective Affiliated Association, to Baseball Ontario no later than the Wednesday following the second Sunday in September.
- h) 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 Elite Division. The Elite team will provide confirmation of new players joining their roster to their previous team and home Local Association.
- i) The respective Elite teams will determine the number of players on their team within the guidelines as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Rep Division and the Rep Playing Rules.
- j) There will be, 15U, 16U and 18U teams with 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U aged players participating in the Elite Division.
- k) There must be a minimum of six teams at a series to form an Elite League for the respective age group.
- l) All Elite teams will be classified as AAA.
- m) All managers, coaches and assistant coaches must have obtained the coaching certificate level to be eligible to participate at the Baseball Ontario Eliminations for the age category.
- n) Any players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches that participate in non-recognized programs are not eligible to participate in the Elite Division
- o) Baseball Ontario will appoint a Commissioner to oversee the Elite Division operations.

## **RP2 – RP7 AND RQ1-RQ2 (GOVERNED BY REP COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE)**

### **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 Board of Directors approves the application of the change.

#### **SECTION RP2.1 REPORTING ABUSE**

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

#### **SECTION RP2.2 GIRLS BASEBALL**

Only females are eligible to play Girls Baseball.

#### **SECTION RP2.3 PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, 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.

## SECTION RP2.4 COACHES AND MANAGERS

a) All coaches and field managers, in order to be on a Rep roster after June 15th of the playing year as outlined below, must meet the following certification requirements:

<b>Year and Division:</b>	<b>Requirements (Head Coach)</b>	<b>Requirements (Assistant Coaches)</b>
<b>8U and 9U:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coach Initiation in Sport/Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) (2 part online module)</li> <li>2. Initiation Clinic</li> <li>3. Teaching &amp; Learning Clinic</li> <li>4. Infielding Clinic</li> <li>5. Hitting Clinic</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 5 Components)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coach Initiation in Sport/Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) (2 part online module)</li> <li>2. Initiation Clinic</li> <li>3. Teaching &amp; Learning Clinic</li> <li>4. Infielding Clinic</li> <li>5. Hitting Clinic</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 5 Components)</b></p>
<b>10U and 11U:</b>	8U/9U Head Coach Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Pitching and Catching Clinic</li> <li>7. Absolutes Clinic</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 7 Components)</b></p>	8U/9U Head Coach Requirements <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 5 Components)</b></p>
<b>12U and 13U:</b>	10U/11U Head Coach Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Base running Clinic</li> <li>9. Planning Clinic</li> <li>10. Online Portfolio</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 10 Components)</b></p>	10U/11U Head Coach Requirements <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 7 Components)</b></p>
<b>14U, 15U, 16U Girls:</b>	12U/13U Head Coach Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Outfielding Clinic</li> <li>12. Strategies Clinic</li> <li>13. Practice Evaluation</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 13 Components)</b></p>	12U/13U Head Coach Requirements: <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 10 Components)</b></p>
<b>16U-18U and Women:</b>	15U Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Game Evaluation</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 14 Components)</b></p>	13U Head Coach Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Outfielding Clinic</li> <li>12. Strategies Clinic</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 12 Components)</b></p>
<b>21U:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coach Initiation in Sport/Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) (2 part online module)</li> <li>2. Infielding Clinic</li> <li>3. Hitting Clinic</li> <li>4. Pitching &amp; Catching Clinic</li> <li>5. Baserunning Clinic</li> <li>6. Outfielding Clinic</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 6 Components)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coach Initiation in Sport/Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) (2 part online module)</li> <li>2. Infielding Clinic</li> <li>3. Hitting Clinic</li> <li>4. Pitching &amp; Catching Clinic</li> <li>5. Baserunning Clinic</li> <li>6. Outfielding Clinic</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Total: 6 Components)</b></p>
<b>Senior</b>	No Formal Training Required	No Formal Training Required



- 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
- 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 Elimination tournament.
- 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 Rep 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 21U 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.

#### **SECTION RP2.5 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:

- corresponding tops or jerseys (with proper numbers),
  - corresponding (similar) baseball caps
  - baseball pants (no shorts)
  - 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 a cup-type supporter.
- f) A team member shall be deemed as "warming up a pitcher" the moment either:
- ii. the pitcher stands on the rubber (on the field or bullpen)
  - iii. the team member assumes a squatting position to receive a thrown ball from the pitcher, regardless of position on the field or bullpen; or
  - iv. 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) The legal diameter for bats shall be 2 3/4".
- i) Subject to the following, in addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in Rep play.
  - i. For all 12U and 13U play, metal bats with a length to weight difference of -10 or less are permitted.
  - ii. For all levels of play 14U and above, only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing and wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.
  - iii. Female players playing on NON-FEMALE teams must use the approved bats for the series.
- j) 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.
- k) 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 grey. Pitchers may not wear compression sleeves which are distracting in nature including designs and reflective material.
- l) With the exception of piping (strings), no part of the pitcher's glove may be white or gray. 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 RP2.6 APPROVED BASEBALLS

MAKE	MODEL	MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED USE
<b>Rawlings</b>	TVB/TVB850	Indoor/Rally Cap
	R100UP	Indoor/8U/9U
	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
<b>Silverstar Sports</b>	CAN100HS	All Divisions
	818LS	9U to 13U
<b>Louisville Slugger Canada</b>	REV500	13U to Senior
	BB93	T-Ball
	BB11	10U to 13U
	BB12	14U to Senior
	BB12-RL	16U to Senior

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#### SECTION RP2.7 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) 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.
- c) In the case of bad weather or other emergency situations, the schedule may be revised at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- d) 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 played. If the game is called prior to becoming an official game, then it is resumed from the point of delay.
- e) Time limits are not permitted in any Rep Play-off or Elimination games.
- f) 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.
- g) In all OBA games an 18 run mercy rule will apply after 3 innings or 15 runs after 4 innings. A 10 run mercy rule will also apply after 5 innings or any subsequent inning thereafter. 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.
- h) Where the home team scores to take the lead in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 RP2.8 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, his/her 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 order. 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 his/her regular turn at bat.
  - d) 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) A designated hitter may be used in any OBA Elimination Tournament only if it is permissible at national level.

- h) For tournament play the Tournament Convenor shall appoint an official scorer for each game (who may be the scorer of 1 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.
- i) Senior AAA teams are permitted to mutually affiliate themselves with any one 21U team within their Affiliated Association as long as their Local Association does not have a 21U team.
- j) If the Baseball Canada 21U Nationals are hosted by an Ontario team – the players on the 21U 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.
- k) Senior AAA teams are permitted a maximum of 3 21U or 18U-aged call-ups for Eliminations.

### **SECTION RP2.9 SUBSTITUTIONS**

- a) In 10U and 11U games, unlimited substitutions defensively are allowed (including for injury or official ejection).
- b) In 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U Girls, 16U, 18U, and Women's ball any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her 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 if he/she has not previously assumed that 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) In 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U Girls, 16U, 18U, 21U and Women's, 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 him.

### **SECTION RP2.10 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) From 18U and below, including Women, 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.
- 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 RP2.11 ARM CARE RULES

- a) Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care Rules listed in P2.11 shall be in force throughout the baseball season and apply to all league play and tournament play as sanctioned by Baseball Ontario or any Affiliated Association.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care Rules listed in P2.11 shall be enforced at all Series 21U and below.
- c) 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	21U	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(l) for 9U player pitching requirements.*

- 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 per day 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.
 

*Ex1: 21U 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.*

*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 for that calendar day 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 removed from the pitching position, a player may not catch 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) 9U aged players who are called-up to play on a 10U or 11U team are not permitted to pitch.
  - ii) 9U aged 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 RP2.11(c) to (m), the Manager is ejected and the game is immediately forfeited. The Manager shall receive a one game automatic suspension. 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.
- o) 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 he/she last pitched and the Manager will receive an automatic two-game suspension.
- p) 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.
- q) 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.
- r) During league play, the home team shall designate an official pitch counter for their team who shall be responsible for tracking the pitches of both teams.
- s) During OBA sanctioned tournament play, the host shall designate an official pitch counter for each game. The host may designate participating teams as the official pitch counter at their discretion.
- 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 RP2.11(h).

**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) During league play, the Manager (or designate) shall record the number of pitches thrown for each of their team's 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. During tournament play, pitch counts must be entered within 1 hour following the



end of the game (or before the start of the next game, whichever is earlier) by the home team Manager (or designate).

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:**

b. Failure to enter pitch count results within the specified timelines, as set forth in RP2.11(u), will result in the following penalties:

(i) On a team's first offense of the season, immediate suspension of the Manager until the pitch count is entered.

(ii) On a team's second (or any subsequent offense), the Manager will receive an automatic 5 game suspension.

b. Failure by team to adopt these pitch count rules will result in the team forfeiting their right to classify for an OBA Championship and participate in OBA sanctioned tournaments.

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.

## SECTION RP2.11 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 unavoidable. 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 RP2.12 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 RP2.13 DISCIPLINE

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 Rep Play-off or Tournament (Elimination, Play-off or other sanctioned tournament) game is suspended for 1 game, and this to be the next scheduled game in that tournament or Play-off. 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.

## **SECTION RP2.14 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 roster team. A coach or manager signed with 1 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 mailed to the Rep Protest Chair postmarked within 48 hours of the end of the game under protest. The \$50.00 fee will accompany it.
    - ii. Copies of the protest are to be sent to (1) the Rep Commissioner (2) the OBA Office (3) the Rep Series Chair and (4) the manager of the other team.
    - iii. The Protest Chair will decide on behalf of the Commissioner, whether there is reason for holding a protest meeting.
    - iv. The site and time of the protest meeting will be decided by the Protest Chair.
    - v. Results of the protest hearings will be sent 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) Each team may be represented at the hearing by 2 representatives, only 1 of whom shall be permitted to speak. Where Direct Entries, Local Associations, Affiliated Associations or teams are only called in to give evidence they shall not be required to deposit a defence fee.
  - h) All correspondence regarding protests and defence of appeals must be forwarded by registered mail.
  - i) 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.
  - j) 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:
- k) 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 RP2.16 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.

*Example 1: Runners on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.*

*Example 2: Runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> touches the plate. 1 run scores on the play for a total of 4 runs for the inning.*

*Example 3: Runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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) An 18-run mercy rule will apply after 3 innings; a 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.
- 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) Unlimited substitutions defensively are allowed (including for injury or official ejection).
- f) 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.
- g) 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).
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) 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 RP3.1 GENERAL**

- a) The home team in a home and home style Rep Play-off shall notify and supply official OBA umpires. All umpires are to be classified as neutral. Any visiting team which wishes a change of umpires for the third or deciding game only, may request same through their Series Chair, but must pay the umpires’ mileage or any other extra cost that may occur.
- b) All umpires and umpires’ associations must be first approved by the Affiliated Association before they may qualify as registered OBA umpires. The OBA Umpiring Supervisor shall determine annually the umpires to be registered with the OBA. The umpire is to pay a registration clinic fee per year as determined by the OBA for which an umpire’s card, crest, OBA Playing Rules and Regulations, Official Rules of Baseball and accident and liability insurance will be issued.
- c) A list of OBA registered umpires, with their municipality and telephone numbers, will be furnished by the OBA to all Affiliated Associations and Series Chairs. All registrations are to be renewed yearly.
- d) All umpires who have been approved and recommended should affiliate with an umpires’ association in their district. Where none now exists an umpires’ association should be formed. This association in turn shall affiliate with the Affiliated Association in their area. In districts where there are no Affiliated Associations established, the Direct Entries making application for direct entry into the OBA must follow the same procedure and recommend the names of umpires to be registered.
- e) 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, without the written consent of both managers.
- f) The umpire-in-chief must file a complete report to the OBA Office, concerning accidents, ejections, delays in starting and protests. This report is to be signed by the umpire-in-chief and the base umpires. Reports must be forwarded for each game within 24 hours of scheduled time of game. In tournament play it is the responsibility of the host to ensure that all umpires are officially carded and recognized by the OBA. If any umpire used in a tournament is found not to be registered with the OBA and game(s) are played using the umpire, the game results shall stand, however, the host shall be fined \$250.00 for each incident and may be refused as host for any tournaments in the succeeding year.
- g) All umpires shall be properly dressed as specified by the OBA Umpiring Committee when officiating at any baseball games involving Rep teams. Failure to comply could mean loss of accreditation.
- h) In all final series of a home and home style Rep Play-off, 3 umpires will officiate with the exception of the 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U where 2 umpires will suffice. In tournament style Rep 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.
- i) To qualify for a Baseball Ontario umpires card, an umpire must:
  - Level 1  
Yearly attend a recognized Baseball Ontario umpire clinic.
  - Level 2  
Yearly attend a recognized Baseball Ontario umpire clinic and pass a written test. Must be a Level 1 umpire for at least 2 years.  
If the test is not successful, the umpire will be certified Level 1.
  - Level 3  
Yearly pay a certification fee and pass a written test. Must be a Level 2 umpire for at least 3 years.  
Every three years attend a recognized Baseball Ontario umpire clinic.  
If the test is not successful, the umpire will be certified Level 2.
- j) Umpires returning after an absence of one or more years may contact the Baseball Ontario office to apply for recertification. Such application shall be reviewed by the Supervisor of Umpires, who shall consider factors such as previous level, years of certification, reason for the absence, and length of the absence in determining the new certification level for the returning umpire.
- k) Umpire Levels and Respective Series Effective Are:
  - Level I.....All House League, and Rep up to and including 13U
  - Level II..... Rep up to and including 18U
  - Level III..... Up to and including Senior

Level IV .....National Accreditation

Level V ..... International Accreditation

**SECTION RP3.2 FEES FOR UMPIRES**

- a) Umpires' fees for Rep Play-offs will be determined locally.
- b) Mileage allowed for OBA umpires is \$0.52 per kilometre for all series. If umpires are requested from outside their respective Local Associations, mileage allowed will be for each umpire unless 2 or more come from the same city or town in which case, only 1 will be paid mileage allowance.
- c) In all Rep Play-off games which are postponed because of rain or other causes, if umpires arrive before notification of postponement, they shall be paid ½ of the fees plus mileage if applicable. If game has been started, the umpires will be entitled to full fees and mileage, if applicable.
- d) No umpires will be paid by the OBA. The home team in each game of a home and home style Rep Play-off must pay the umpires' fees.

Series	Mound	Bases	Diagonal	RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES				Grass Radius
				Foul Area	Outfield Fence			
					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.



RP4.1 LAYOUT

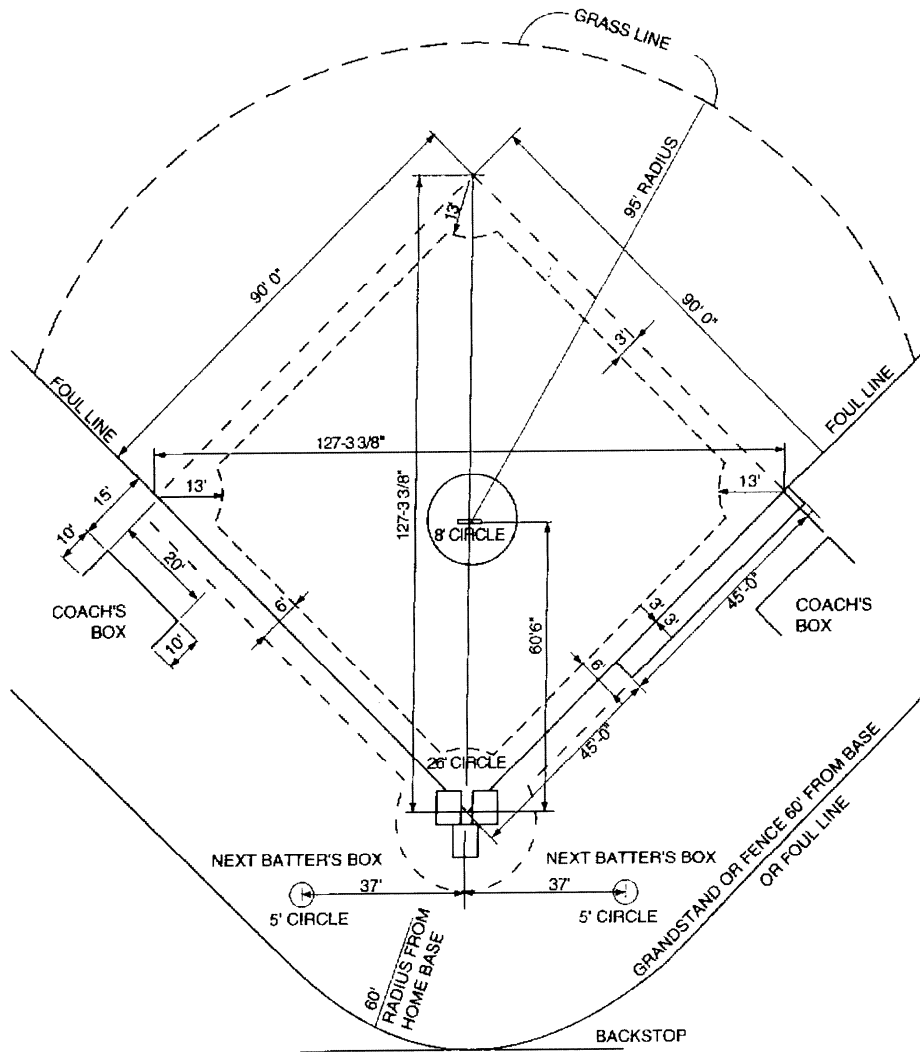


DIAGRAM NO. 1

LEGEND

- BATTER'S BOX, CATCHER'S BOX, FOUL LINE, PITCHER'S PLATE, COACH'S BOX
- NEXT BATTER'S BOX
- - - - BASE LINES
- - - - GRASS LINES

RP4.1 DIMENSIONS

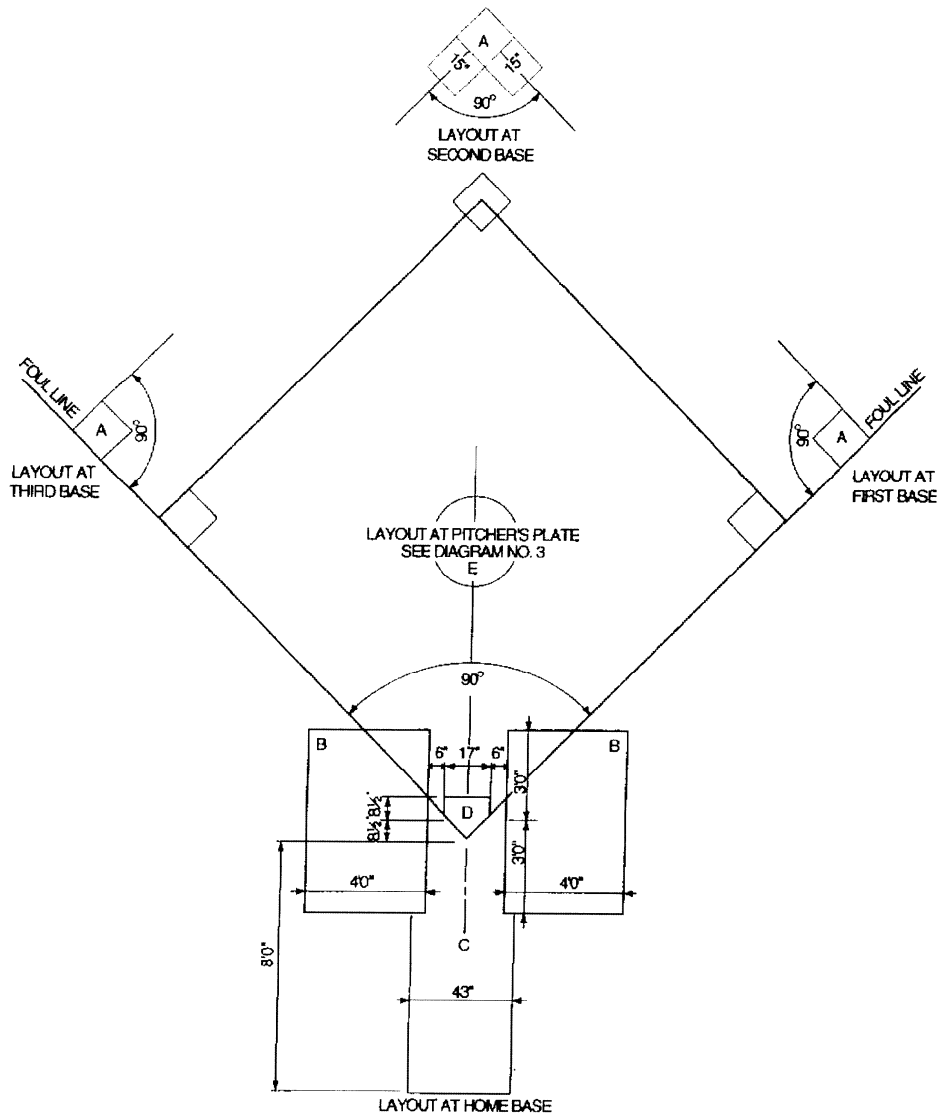


DIAGRAM NO. 2

LEGEND

- A 1st, 2nd, 3rd BASES
- B BATTER'S BOX
- C CATCHER'S BOX
- D HOME BASE
- E PITCHER'S PLATE

- 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 21U 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.

#### **Tournament Style Rep Play-Offs**

- j) 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).
- k) 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 g), plus any other penalty that might be imposed by the OBA.
- l) All draws for tournament style Rep Play-offs will be conducted by the OBA Office.
- m) 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.
- n) 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.
- o) At 21U and below, 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 the final

- 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.
- p) 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.
  - q) 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.
  - r) 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.
  - s) 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.
  - t) 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.
  - u) 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 schedule 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.
  - v) 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. 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.
  - w) The OBA Convenor's Report and specified attachments must be submitted electronically on the OBA website within 10 days following the tournament.

#### **Home and Home Style Play-Offs**

- v) The secretary of each Affiliated Association shall notify the Rep Series Chair as to the representatives of his/her Affiliated Association, after which all arrangements regarding Rep Play-offs are to be completed through the management of the teams and respective Series Chair.

- w) 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.
- x) 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.
- y) 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.
- z) 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.
- aa) 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.
- bb) No playing member of either team involved in any series will be allowed to act as convenor.
- cc) 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.
- dd) The game convenor will be responsible for checking the rosters prior to the game and returning the rosters to the respective teams.
- ee) 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.
- ff) All statements and Rep Play-off forms must be mailed (postmarked) to the Series Chair within 24 hours after each game.

#### **SECTION RP5.1 FORMAT FOR OBA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS**

**(Available as a separate download from the 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.

#### **SECTION RP5.2 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 Constitution of the OBA, 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:
- a. 13U AAA
  - b. 15U AAA
  - c. 18U AAA
  - d. 21U AAA
  - e. Senior AAA
  - f. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- a. 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. **Note:** *The dates of the 13U and 15U Eliminations have already been set for 2020, therefore the date change for these two tournaments will not take effect until 2021.*
- 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 l), when a Thursday start is required, only one round shall be played.
- o) At 21U, 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 21U 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 shall 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 10:00 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 10:00 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 Rep Elimination Tournaments, a 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.

## **RP7 EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS**

### **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) Upon receipt of each of the items in a) above, the Rep Tournament Chair will consider the tournament request and, if approved, the OBA office will forward a tournament package to the tournament host.
- c) The Rep Tournament Chair shall have the power to appoint a Rep Representative to any Rep sanctioned tournament.
- d) A list of all Rep sanctioned tournaments will appear on our website, [www.baseballontario.com](http://www.baseballontario.com).
- e) A declared representative from an Affiliated Association must first honour its Rep Play-off and Affiliated Association obligations before participating in a tournament.  
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) A 7-inning game will be considered an official game after 4 innings of play or 3-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.

- n) 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.
- o) 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.
- p) 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.
- q) No special concessions will be granted to any team(s) participating in any of these tournaments.
- r) 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.
- s) 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.
- t) 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.
- u) 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.
- v) No team may play more than 3 games in a calendar day without its written consent. 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.
- w) In tournaments 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
- x) When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will exclude RP7.3 (w) (ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, excluding RP7.3 (w) (ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at RP7.3 (w) (i).
- y) The Rep Convenors Report and specified attachments must be mailed (postmarked) to the Rep Tournament Chair within 10 days following the tournament.
- z) 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.
- aa) 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.
- bb) 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.

**SECTION 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).

**SECTION 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 Balls.

- 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.
- k) 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.

### **SECTION RQ1.3 DEFINITIONS**

- a) 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) A "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) A "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) A "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) A "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) An "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) A "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) The "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) An "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) A "lead-off" is when a runner is off his/her base when the batter hits the ball off the tee.
- k) The "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) An "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).

### **SECTION 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.

## **SECTION 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.

- 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.

## **SECTION 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 THE APPROVED PLAYING RULES OF 8U/9U**

### **SECTION 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 Constitution of the OBA and Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division as amended each year at the Annual Meeting. The Approved Playing Rules of 9U apply to both 9U and 8U.

### **SECTION 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.

### SECTION 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 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.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 runners may not advance. One (1) warning will be issued and for any further infractions thereafter the runner will be called out. (Each team may receive 1 warning). 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 than an appeal is being made.

#### **SECTION RQ2.4 APPROVED BALLS FOR 8U/9U**

Any baseball approved for 11U play.

**GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS  
(REP DIVISON)**

- 1) Affiliated Associations shall agree by and comply with the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the OBA according to Article 1.03 a) of the Constitution of the OBA.
- 2) Send a copy of the Constitution of the Affiliated Association 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 according to Article R2.02 and R2.03 of the Rep Constitution of the OBA.
- 8) Determine team classifications according to Article R4.01 of the Rep Constitution of the OBA.
- 9) Process playing rosters according to the Rep Constitution of the OBA.
- 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 DIVISON)

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Algoma Baseball Association .....	ABA
Central Ontario Baseball Association.....	COBA
Eastern Ontario Baseball Association .....	EOBA
Hamilton and 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

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES  
TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



- HDDBA 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- NCOBA 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Count 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.

## APPENDIX “C”

### NATIONAL PLAYER DRAFTS

#### 13U, 15U, 18U and 21U:

Where Ontario has more than one entry in a Baseball Canada National Championship Tournament in any of the 13U, 15U, 18U, or 21U 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.

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

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, Select roster or players rostered may be selected to represent Ontario at a National Championship.
- 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.

Where there is a crossover of concentric circles, the following procedure for player selection is used:

**CROSS OVER**

Each section of overlap will be will addressed through the following process, including only those teams whose area is part of the overlap.

**OVERLAP:**

The Elimination Winner will have first selection of the section of the circles that overlap. Selections will alternate based on the predetermined team order, 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.

**PROTECTED AREA:**

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.

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.

The Host of the National Championships may then select players from their unique protected area.

**REST OF PROVINCE:**

At this time and including players from Baseball Ontario Recognized Programs with 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:

**PROTECTED AREA:**

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.

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.

The Host of the National Championships may then select players from their unique protected area.

**REST OF PROVINCE:**

At this time and including players from Baseball Ontario Recognized Programs with 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.
- 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(s) is not eligible to play with the other team(s). 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.
- The Baseball Ontario office will then provide the coach(s) with the official National championship team roster form.
- The final rosters must then be submitted to Baseball Ontario by the deadline imposed by Baseball Canada.

## **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:

- The Senior Series Chair shall conduct a National Player Draft no later than 72 hours following the completion of the Senior Elimination Tournament.
- Players may not be contacted by any team prior to the National Player Draft.
- 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.
- 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.
- Prior to the National Player Draft, the Senior Series Chair shall present a list of the available players to the team.
- 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.
- 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**

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

### **ROUND 2**

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