

## **President's Message**

The 2024 baseball season is upon us. We've had a mild Winter and a wet Spring. It's a great combination for greener than usual grass!!

All of our age series (8U to 22U) are set to begin play beginning in early May, concluding with our COBA Qualifiers in mid-August to determine who represents COBA at the varying Provincials offered at the end of August and the Labour Day Weekend. The Senior group (23+ years of age) will begin its season in mid-May and conclude in mid-August.

As is normally the case, we can't have amateur baseball without all the volunteers who donate their time so we can have a season. A big thank you to all the volunteers that make amateur baseball go year in and year out.

Good luck to all the teams for the 2024 season, and may you hit 'em where they ain't. See you on the diamond!!!

Yours in baseball,

Frank Fascia

President  
Central Ontario Baseball Association

1944	Frank Heath	Oakville
1945	*Bill Randell	Milton
1946	*Ollie Johnson	Oakville
1947	Edward Rider	Acton
1948	*Clarence Riddle	Milton
1949-1963	*Peter McMullen	Milton
1964-1965	*Earl Nicholson	Waterdown
1966-1967	*William Richmond	Georgetown
1968-1969	*Alf Baynton	Waterdown
1970-1971	*Len Andrews	Campbellville
1972-1973	Ross Dodman	Waterdown
1974-1975	Walter Foster	Oakville
1976-1978	Elmer Dredge	Campbellville
1979-1980	Barry Dobson	Burlington
1981-1982	*Chuck Brown	Mississauga
1983-1985	*Dick Imus	Streetsville
1986-1989	Pat Brooker	Georgetown
1990-1991	Jerry Farrell	Clarkson
1992-1993	Brian James	Streetsville
1994	Brian Grantham	Oakville
1995-1996	David Huctwith	Clarkson
1997-1999	Bob Pleau	Oakville
1999-2000	*Barrie Salt	Clarkson
2000-2002	*Dave Dash	Brampton
2003-2004	Gord Abraham	Burlington
2005-2006	Tony Hart	Mississauga North
2006-2011	David Huctwith	Mississauga SW
2011-2014	Tony Jasinski	Mississauga Majors
2015-2016	Dave Doherty	Brampton
2016-2020	Bruce Thompson	Mississauga SW

Current                      Frank Fascia                      Brampton  
\* Deceased

1984 CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC.  
Although HCBA was founded in 1920, our records go back no earlier than 1944.

**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
2023 MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

Baseball Milton  
Brampton Minor Baseball Inc.  
Brampton Seniors  
Burlington Organized Minor Baseball Association  
Burlington Brants Seniors  
Erindale Baseball Association  
Erindale Seniors  
Etobicoke Rangers Senior  
Halton Hills Baseball Association  
Milton Red Sox Seniors  
Mississauga Majors Baseball Association  
Mississauga North Baseball Association  
Mississauga Southwest Baseball Association  
Oakville Minor Baseball Association  
Oakville A's Seniors  
Waterdown Minor Baseball Association

## **ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

All members of our Association and anyone interested in the furtherance of baseball within our Central Ontario Baseball Association are cordially invited to attend regularly scheduled meetings of our Executive and Board of Directors.

The meeting dates are scheduled at the first meeting of the new Executive and are generally the 3rd Monday of each month.

All meetings are held in the Mississauga Southwest baseball Association Club House, Tom Chater Park. They start at 7:30 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of our Association (at which everyone is expected to participate) will be held on the 3rd Sunday in October at 11:00 a.m. The site will be determined each year by the Board of Directors.

For further information concerning Association Meetings, please contact our Secretary.

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Dick Imus, Streets./Campbellville  
Ollie Johnson, Oakville  
Bill Randel, Milton  
Bill Richmond, Georgetown  
Dick Willis, Terra Cotta Sam  
Leonard, Oakville

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## CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**2024**

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10U	Milton	Piere Lill	<a href="mailto:pierre.e.lill@gmail.com">pierre.e.lill@gmail.com</a>
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### Committees:

Baseball Ontario: Frank Cardamone

Release: Marvin King(Chairperson)

Protests and Discipline: Dave Margetts (Chairperson)  
One representative from each local association (Members)

Rules/Gold Book: Chris Kowalewski (Chairperson)  
Tony Jasinski, Bob Raymond, Christian Hawn, Mike Caputo,  
Pierre Lill (Members)

Scheduling: Christian Hawn Mike Caputo

Competition: David Huctwith (Chairperson)  
Tony Jasinski, Bob Raymond, Christian Hawn, Mike Caputo,  
Pierre Lill (Members)

Umpire in Chief: Dave Margetts

Registrar: Marvin King

All Star: Kyle Liberto (Chairperson)

Finance: Kevin Duggan

**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**NAME:**



The name of the corporation shall be Central Ontario Baseball Association (1984) Inc. (COBA) (Founded in 1920 as the Halton County Baseball Association)

**OBJECTS:**

The objects of COBA shall be:

- (a) to foster and improve the game of baseball within COBA's jurisdictional boundaries as laid down under territorial rights recognized by Ontario Baseball Association Inc. (COBA)
- (b) to promote and protect the mutual interests of its members;
- (c) to initiate and regulate competition, to determine COBA champions and representatives to compete in OBA championships; and
- (d) To act as the liaison between members of COBA and OBA.

**AFFILIATIONS:**

COBA shall operate in affiliation with OBA and through OBA with Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

The following persons and entities shall be members of COBA:

- (a) Member associations: each registered local organized group representing a municipality within the territorial jurisdiction of COBA or a defined territorial portion of such a municipality as recognized by COBA. Except as provided in paragraph (c) below, minor clubs desiring to participate in COBA league or to be registered with COBA must be directly affiliated with or sanctioned by a member association;
- (b) Senior clubs: each senior club registered with COBA whether or not such senior club is directly affiliated with or sanctioned by a member association;
- (c) Direct team entries: each minor club, not directly affiliated or sanctioned by a member association, registered with COBA as a direct team entry. Direct team entries (I) must apply in writing to the Executive for registration, and (ii) in the case of direct team entries based outside of the territorial jurisdiction of COBA, must provide a written release from the OBA Association in whose jurisdiction they are located. The Executive may, in its absolute discretion, accept or reject any such application;

- (d) The President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar(s) and all elected or appointed directors of COBA; and
- (e) All Life Members: life membership can only be conferred by a majority vote at an Annual Meeting on the recommendation of the Common Goals Committee and with the approval of the Executive. Criteria for awarding a life membership shall be faithful service to COBA and a desire on the part of the proposed life member to remain active in the affairs of COBA in an official capacity.

### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

Unless otherwise determined by the Executive, the Annual Meeting of COBA shall be held on the 3rd Sunday in October at 11:00 a.m. at such place as the Executive may determine at or prior to its September monthly meeting. Provided that the Annual Meeting is so scheduled, no notice of meeting is required to be sent to members.

At the Annual Meeting, the Executive shall report on the concluding year's activities, amendments, if any, to this Constitution shall be considered, and nominations for and the election of the Elected Executive for the following year shall take place.

### **NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE:**

A nominating committee appointed by the Executive shall determine a list of individuals indicating a willingness to stand for office. Such list of nominations shall be presented to the September monthly meeting of the Executive for approval. Further nominations for all positions are acceptable from the floor at the Annual Meeting. A nomination will not be permitted unless (i) the nominee has been nominated by the Nominating Committee, (ii) the nominee is present at the Annual Meeting and consents to stand for office, or (iii) the nominee has submitted a written consent to stand for office.

### **VOTING:**

Each member association in good standing (i.e., those who have adhered to all COBA obligations) is entitled to one vote for each two minor clubs. In the event a member association has an odd number of clubs, the member association shall be entitled to the extra vote (e.g., 5 minor clubs - 3 votes; 1 minor club - 1 vote).

Each senior club in good standing shall have one vote.

Each direct team entry shall have no vote.

Each individual member referred to in paragraphs (d) or (e) under "Membership" shall have one vote.

Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, a majority vote shall prevail on all matters to be voted upon at any annual, special or monthly meeting.

**QUORUM:**

- The quorum for a meeting of members shall be 25% of the following:
- (a) The number of votes which member associations in good standing are entitled to; plus
  - (b) The number of votes which individual members are entitled to.

For greater certainty, the number of votes which senior teams are entitled to shall not be included in the calculation of the quorum.

**AMENDMENTS:**

Amendments to this Constitution may only be proposed by a member association or the Executive and must be submitted in writing to the Executive by its September monthly meeting.

Amendments can only be voted upon at an Annual Meeting and a minimum of two-thirds approval vote is required for passage.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

The President may at any time, and shall upon a two-thirds vote of the Executive, call a special meeting of members for such place and time as the President may determine. Only such matters as are specified in the notice calling such meeting may be dealt with at such meeting.

**EXECUTIVE:**

The Elected Executive shall consist of the following: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President and eighteen (18) directors. All such positions are to be elected at the Annual Meeting and the term of office of such positions shall expire at the conclusion of the following Annual Meeting.

**NOTE:**

Should the necessary eighteen directors not be elected, provision is herein made to permit the appointment of one or more persons by the Executive to fill such vacancies.

The Executive shall, at the written request of a member association in good standing, appoint as additional director(s) over and above the elected eighteen directors one nominee of such member association to ensure representation of every member association in good standing. The COBA Senior League shall be permitted to have one representative appointed to the Executive in accordance with this section.

The Appointed Executive shall consist of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Registrar(s), the immediate Past-President and all Life Members. With the exception of the immediate Past-President and all Life Members, the term of office of the Appointed Executive shall expire with the conclusion of the Annual Meeting following their appointment. Where used in this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires the term "Executive" shall include the Elected Executive and the Appointed Executive.

## **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

### **1. PRESIDENT:**

Shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the Executive or members. The President shall have the authority to appoint committees and call special meetings of the Executive or of members as required. The President shall have a vote on all matters being considered at any annual, monthly or special meeting of the Executive or members and shall, while acting as chairman of any such meeting, have a second or casting vote in the case of a tie.

### **2. 1ST Vice President:**

Shall be the Chairman of the Protest and Discipline Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence. The P&D Chair and Committee will preside and decide over any applicable COBA and/or OBA rule or conduct related violations. The Chair and Committee would also determine based on evidence provided by all parties, if a hearing is warranted in each individual case brought forward.

### **3. 2ND Vice President:**

Shall be the Overall Series Convener and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice-President.

### **4. 3RD Vice President:**

Shall be the Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, the 1st Vice-President and the 2nd Vice-President.

**e) SECRETARY:**

Shall be appointed by the Executive. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of COBA and the Executive at all annual, monthly and special meetings. The Secretary shall have the discretion, in consultation with the appropriate Series Convener, to grant approvals on behalf of COBA-to-COBA teams requesting permission to attend tournaments or play exhibition games outside of Province of Ontario.

**f) TREASURER:**

Shall be appointed by the Executive. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate accounting of all revenues and expenses of COBA. All vouchers must be presented at Executive meetings for approval of payment. The Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**g) REGISTRAR(S):**

Shall be appointed by the Executive. The Registrar(s) shall be responsible for the registration of all playing certificates and team registrations on behalf of COBA.

All local member associations issuing a release to a player must do so on the agreed upon standard release form customized (logo, address, etc.) to their association. Such release must come from the chair of the release committee for that association only or in his/her absence, the President of that association.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

The Executive shall meet monthly, except for December and October, at such time and place as they may in their absolute discretion determine.

Each member of the Executive in good standing shall have one vote upon matters to be voted upon at any such meeting. Any member of the Executive (other than a Life Member) absent from three consecutive monthly meetings, without sufficient cause, shall cease to be a member of the Executive and such vacancy may be filled by appointment.

Special meetings of the Executive may be called by the President as necessary. Only the special matters for which such a meeting is called may be voted upon at such a meeting.

### Quorum Exception for In-season Executive Monthly Meetings

For the May, June, July and August Executive meetings, the quorum shall be 33% of the Executive, with at least 2 Officers present. For all other meetings, the quorum shall be more than 50% of the Executive.

### **BANKING:**

All funds of COBA shall be kept in a chartered bank or trust company located within COBA's jurisdictional boundaries. All cheques issued by COBA shall be signed as directed by the Executive. All cheques issued by COBA shall be signed as directed by the Executive.

### **REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY:**

- a) Closing date for team entries and playing day designation for COBA league play shall be on or before the night of the March Executive meeting for minor clubs and on or before the night of the March Senior meeting for senior clubs.
- b) Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Executive. All late entries shall be accompanied by payment of a \$50.00 late entry fee.
- c) All member associations must present a list of contacts (executives, coaches, managers) at the time of entry for the season.
- d) Fully completed player rosters must be turned in to the Registrar(s) not later than 11:59 p.m. on June 30th of the playing season.
- e) Late rosters may be accepted only at the discretion of the Executive. If not accepted for OBA, the offending team or players will be permitted to continue to play in COBA (except for any play-offs to determine OBA representatives) and a \$10.00 fine attached per team. If accepted for OBA play a \$15.00 fine per team must accompany the accepted rosters.
5. Birth certificates must accompany player rosters where a player has not previously been registered with COBA and/or OBA.
6. Direct team entries shall pay the registration fee at the time of the acceptance of their registration.
- h) All Municipal Associations must submit team rosters, with necessary releases to the COBA Registrar for approval by April 30<sup>th</sup> for each baseball season. Exception: 22U and Senior

divisions- whose roster submission is extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Rosters may continue to be amended until the OBA deadline (which is currently June 30<sup>th</sup>). Failure to comply will leave the Municipal Association, its coaches, players and Executive open to disciplinary action.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES:**

- 1) **OBA REPRESENTATIVE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be COBA's representative at all OBA meetings. The OBA Representative shall normally be the President.
- 2) **UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall regulate, assign and train umpires, conduct clinics and perform all other related responsibilities pertinent to carded umpires within COBA. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be a member of the Protest and Discipline Committee.
- 3) **OVERALL SERIES CONVENER:** Shall be the 2nd Vice-President and shall be responsible for monitoring and providing direction to all individual Series Conveners.
- 4) **SCHEDULER(S):** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for creating and distributing COBA league schedules within the parameters for such schedules determined by the Executive.
- 5) **SERIES CONVENERS:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for monitoring, coordinating and directing the series to which the Series Convener is assigned. It shall be the responsibility of the Series Convener to arrange and schedule COBA play-offs for such series. **Each association must convene at least one division.**
- 6) **PURCHASER:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for recommending to the Executive and coordinating the purchase of all trophies, medals, game cards, gold books and other items required by COBA.
- 7) **PROTEST AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for dealing with all properly submitted protests and all incidents requiring disciplinary action. The 1st Vice-President shall be the Chairman of the Protest and Discipline Committee. Members of the Protest and Discipline Committee shall include the Overall Series Convener and the Umpire-in-Chief and such other persons as the Executive shall consider appropriate. To avoid the inference of a conflict of interest, no one may sit on this committee when

the issue before them may have a direct affect to their Municipal Association by virtue of the decision of the Committee.

- 8) **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for presenting a budget to the Executive and recommending any changes felt necessary in the financial structure of COBA. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- 9) **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for auditing the books of the Treasurer and submitting a report on its findings at the Annual Meeting.
- 10) **RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for reviewing the rules and regulations of COBA and proposing and coordinating amendments to such rules and regulations. The Rules and Regulations Committee shall supervise the annual publication of the COBA Gold Book. The 3rd Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee.
- 11) **COMMON GOALS COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for reviewing the affairs of COBA and recommending to the Executive matters of common interest to member associations. The Common Goals Committee shall, in its absolute discretion, nominate to the Executive candidates for life membership where it deems appropriate. The Past-President shall normally be the Chairman of the Common Goals Committee.
- 12) **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and shall be responsible for organizing and running such activities of a social nature for the Executive and the members as are deemed appropriate.
- 13) **RELEASE APPEALS COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive. It may be comprised of just a Chair. The Committee shall receive and review each request for a release that is submitted and is authorized to make decisions on requests in accordance with policies established by the Executive.
- 14) **COMPETITION COMMITTEE:** Shall be appointed by the Executive and work towards improving the delivery of baseball programs within COBA.
- (15) **REGISTRAR:** Develop a work profile that includes the responsibility to refer registration violations by a Municipal Association to the Protest and Discipline Committee for possible action.



**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
ROOKIEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
(8U and 9U)**

**1. ENTRIES:**

- (a) Every team will pay an annual entry fee as prescribed by COBA
- (b) Payment is to accompany entry on or before the April meeting of COBA Executive or as prescribed by COBA As this is the principal source of revenue, entry fees have to be based on total number of teams and budget requirements.

- (c) Failure to pay on or before the April meeting will result in a penalty of 10% of the amount owed.
- (d) Failure to submit a team roster by April 30<sup>th</sup> will carry a fine of \$200 per team infraction.

## 2. **DEFAULT FEE:**

- (a) Every new Association will post a default fee of \$100.00.
- (b) Minor teams may play under the default fee posted by their Senior Club provided this is authorized in writing by the Senior Club to the COBA Secretary.

## 3. **OBA CERTIFICATE, TAX & LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

- (a) A team certificate tax will be paid by COBA to OBA for all of its teams as prescribed by OBA
- (b) Eligible Players: all players participating in COBA regular league and play-off games must be properly registered with COBA for the current year.
- (c) Each participating team in COBA regular and play-off games must have at least one (1) manager and/or one (1) or more coaches signed to a proper OBA roster clearly marked Manager or Coach who shall be responsible for that team.
- (d) All teams and all Associations must have the liability insurance provided through the OBA. This insurance must be purchased before the teams and the Association begins the new baseball season. Fees are prescribed by the OBA

## 4. **RESIDENCE RULES:**

**NOTE:** Refer to OBA Constitution on Residence Rule P1-3, P1-4, P1-5 and P16.

For purpose of definition COBA will interpret the wording used in the above OBA sections as follows:

**Association:** shall mean those organized groups directly affiliated with the OBA (i.e., Central Ontario Baseball Association).

**Municipal Association:** shall mean a local organized group which represents a municipality and is affiliated with an Association.

**Club:** shall mean "team" within a Municipal Association.

**Member:** shall mean all persons (executive, directors, managers, coaches, players) of a Municipal Association.

A player shall not attend the tryouts of any Association to which the player is not carded unless the player has a letter of release from the Association in whose territory the player lives. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the player being called to a disciplinary hearing. Managers/Coaches shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that any player attending tryouts is eligible to attend the tryouts. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the Manager/Coach being called to a disciplinary hearing.

If an association does not have a team at a player's appropriate age level then a release is not required for the player to play for another association for that playing season. If the association where the player resides fields a team for the following season then the player is required to follow the requirements of the residency rules as defined by OBA & COBA. If an association is not able to field a team for 2 or more consecutive seasons, then the home association must release the players playing rights. If a player leaves an affiliated association, they would require a release from the COBA board.

Any player or Manager/Coach violating this rule shall be liable to suspension.

At 8U and 9U, COBA will deny any release denied by the relevant local association. NOTE: a local association has authority to grant or deny any requested release in its discretion.

Any release request must be granted or denied by local association within 14 days of request sent by player/parent. Failure by the local association to grant or respond to request within the 14 day timeframe will be deemed as denial of release.

## **5. AGE CLASSIFICATION:**

Any team playing mixed age groups must play in the major series. Age means that if a player is in any of the ages listed below before January 1st of the playing year, the player cannot play in that Series. If a player's birthday falls on January 1st, or after, in the playing year, the player can play in that Series.

8U: Age 8 on January 1st

9U: Age 9 on January 1st

**No player may participate with more than one club in any one series.**

## **6. MANAGER AND COACHES:**

Only properly rostered OBA coaches may sit on the bench at any time. Coaches/Managers from any non-OBA recognized teams may not coach, manage, or be on the bench during any games, at penalty of forfeit and the coach being removed from the team's roster.

## 7. GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR:

It is the mandate of COBA to create a positive image for baseball in the member communities. To accomplish this, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- (a) Positive words and actions by coaches, players and supporters fostering good sportsmanship are encouraged.
- (b) Swearing of any nature by coaches, players, officials and supporters will not be tolerated.
- (c) Offensive remarks or gestures directed at another individual's physical appearance, race, colour, ethnic origin or the like will equally not be tolerated.
- (d) Primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with these guidelines by a team, its players and supporters rests with the team's coaches.
- (e) Umpires are instructed to enforce these guidelines as a top priority. To do so, at their sole discretion, umpires may issue warnings, eject offenders (with or without prior warning) or take such action as is deemed appropriate. All such ejections shall be reported to the Protest and Discipline Committee for its review.

## 8. EQUIPMENT AND DRESS:

- (a) The minimum dress for Rookie Ball will be a team sweater and matching cap. Shorts or cut-offs are not allowed on the playing field. Offenders will not be permitted on the playing field.
- (b) Defensive players other than catchers, may not wear batting type helmets, **exception:** a pitcher must wear such a helmet.
- (c) At all times batter(s) and base runners(s) must wear helmets with two ear flaps. At Rookie Ball through 13U, these helmets must have chin straps to be applied by all batter(s) and base runners(s). Penalty for violation is same as illegally batted ball.
- (d) Catchers are required to wear protective equipment while catching.
- (e) Minimum requirements are:
  - helmet
  - shin guards
  - mask
  - athletic supporter and cup
  - chest protector
  - throat protector/extension

- (f) All equipment must be in good repair.
- (g) Players shall not wear metal cleats on shoes.
- (h) For Rookie Ball, a regulation baseball approved for 11U must be used.
- (i) A coach operating a pitching machine is required to wear a baseball helmet.

## **9. GAMES:**

- (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. 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 regulation batting helmet with an attached chinstrap. Neither the pitcher nor any other player may in any way break the plane of the 8 foot diameter circle around the machine whether by stepping on or over 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. Infielders can ask for time in the infield area. Time will be given at the umpire's discretion. Note: The ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infielder may ask for time.

- (d) Outfielders must be at least 5 meters (15 feet) behind the base paths or on the outfield grass, whichever is closer, until ball is put in pitching machine
- (e) 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 machine speed is erratic, it shall be corrected by the umpire. (This may be done at any time.) Machine speed is a maximum of 40 mph and a minimum of 35 mph. Height can be adjusted at any time.
- (f) All Rookie Ball baseball games shall be a maximum of 7 innings or until a winner is declared. 2 hours of playing time **from scheduled start** (regardless of the number of 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. For greater clarity, no mercy rule applies at Rookie Ball, other than maximum run per inning limitations. No new inning shall start after 2 hours of time from scheduled start and a drop dead shall apply after 2 hours and 15 minutes of time from scheduled start.
- (g) 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.
- (h) Batters cannot walk or bunt. (Bunts are automatic outs.)
- (i) There shall be no passed balls or wild pitches.
- (j) Base Runners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and runners may not advance. The runner will be called out. No stealing allowed.
- (k) 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. If the 10<sup>th</sup> batter hits the pitching machine, then the ball will be declared dead, the batter will be awarded first base with the corresponding move of any base runners who may be forced to move, and the inning will be over.

- (l) 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
- (m) The plate umpire shall be behind the catcher. The second umpire is the traditional base umpire.
- (n) 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.
- (o) Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
- (p) 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.
- (q) In addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in OBA play. These bats shall meet the dimensional requirements specified in Rule 1:10 of the Official Rules of Baseball. The maximum diameter of the bat barrel is 2 3/4".
- (r) All players in uniform (OBA rostered) must be put in a continuous batting order, with the bat person being the exception.
- (s) A coach/manager may only communicate positive instructions to his/her players on the field.
- (t) Up to 3 games may be played in 1 day.
- (u) An inning will be 3 outs or a maximum of 7 runs.
- (v) The infield fly rule does not apply.
- (w) The coach operating the pitching machine is required to wear a baseball helmet.
- (x) The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct batters but may not instruct base runners during play.
- (y) Batters at Rookie Ball 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.

- (z) 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.
- (a) 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 should ask the pitching coach for the ball so he/she can make the appeal by tagging the base or the runner and indicating to the umpire the runner missed the base/left early/etc. This pitching 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 on the runner – as long as the defense indicates clearly that an Appeal is being made.
- (b) In addition to electrical pitching machines, Louisville Slugger UPM 45 Blue Flame Pitching Machines are approved for OBA Rookie Ball play. It is recommended that a radar gun be present to confirm the machine settings produce pitches at the speed contemplated by Q2.3 f). Note: A tournament may use either electric or mechanical machines, but not both.

#### **10. RESCHEDULING/FORFEITS/MAKE UP GAMES:**

- (a) When a game is postponed, the home team must, within 48 hours, advise the Series Convener of the postponement and propose a date for the game to be played within 14 days.
- (b) If the teams are unwilling to agree to a proper rescheduled date, the Series Convener will, at his/her sole discretion determine the time and place for the game.
- (c) Violation of this Section 10 or failure to comply with the Series Convener's decision will, at the discretion of the Series Convener, result in forfeiture by the offending team(s).



- (d) Games can only be forfeited under the following conditions: 1) A Team does not have enough players after 15 minutes from the scheduled Game start time; 2) A Team does not have enough players to continue after the ejection of a player or players by an umpire or 3) By the Series Convener. Games that cannot be made up for whatever reason will not necessarily result in a forfeit and team managers cannot determine whether the game is a forfeit or not.

## **11. GAME RESULTS:**

- (a) Game scores will be reported by the winning team to the Series Convener within twenty-four hours after the game has been played.

All ejections must be reported by the winning team to the series convener, with a copy going to the Chair of the RD&P within 24 hours of the game. For the report of the immediately following game(s) for the team of the ejected player or coach, the service of the applicable suspension must be noted.

## **12. UMPIRING:**

- (a) Umpiring fees will be determined by the Host Association.
- (b) Visiting umpires will be paid for a no-start when the umpires have not been notified of a cancellation or postponement and were present for the game or if terminated before becoming a regulation game. Where umpires from out-of-town show for a game they will be entitled to the \$5.00 travel fee for a no-start or termination in addition to the full scheduled umpires rates.
- (c) Every member Association will appoint an umpire-in-chief or scheduler who will assign at least one OBA carded umpire who has the required levels to each league game to be hosted by such Association. Failure to provide at least one carded umpire shall result in forfeiture by the home team. Game umpires must hold a current OBA card. If there is only one umpire, and the umpire and the home and visiting coaches agree, a spectator may be permitted to act as the second umpire.
- (d) If an Association has no carded umpires and COBA has to assign umpires, the cost will be \$5.00 more than the regular rate for both plate and bases (to be paid by the home team).
- (e) Any team member or family member shall not umpire in any game involving such team.

### 13. TOURNAMENTS AND EXHIBITION GAMES:

- (a) All COBA play-off tournaments shall follow the OBA formats as outlined in the OBA Rule Book.
- (b) The COBA schedule takes precedence over any tournament or exhibition games. A team applying to a tournament must first obtain the approval of the COBA Secretary indicating that its Association is in good standing with COBA. It is the responsibility of the manager/coach seeking tournament or exhibition play to obtain permission from the Series Convener at least 10 days before any scheduled COBA game will be affected.
- (c) A team applying for tournament play shall advise the Series Convener of its intention to enter such tournament. Upon acceptance, the team shall notify the Series Convener. All teams which enter tournaments must report results to Series Convener within 10 days of completion of tournament.
- (d) The manager/coach, being accepted for such a tournament, shall reschedule any affected scheduled COBA game at least 10 days before the tournament for a date either before the tournament or not more than 10 days following the tournament. The Series Convener shall be notified of such rescheduling at least 10 days before the tournament.
- (e) Failure to comply with 13(a), (b) or (c) may result in the forfeiture of game(s) at the discretion of the Series Convener.
- (f) All teams entering tournaments must comply with the current "OBA Tournament Rules and Regulations" and their Association shall be responsible to COBA and/or OBA for any such violations.

### 14. COBA QUALIFIERS:

- (a) Regular schedule must be completed by a date approved by the COBA Board.
- (b) COBA Qualifiers will be held to determine OBA berths. All COBA Qualifier formats will be a double knock-out as described in the OBA rule book. **COBA Qualifiers will follow Gold Book rules.** All Qualifier games will have a "no new inning" after two hours time limit with no drop dead time. The tournaments are to be held at the locations listed in paragraph (c) on the first, second or third weekend after the Civic Holiday. Play may, if necessary, commence during the week(s) prior to the Qualifier weekend, as determined by the Series Convener. Seeding will be determined by total points in League standings. If a first

round bye is required, it will be given to the team finishing first in the League standings. Home team will be selected by seeding.

- (c) Teams must play 80% of their games in order to be eligible for OBA qualifiers. Exceptions will only be at the discretion of the competition chair due to extenuating circumstances.
- (d) Host sites for qualifiers will be announced prior to the start of the season. Host will be responsible for scheduling carded umpires and grounds keeping. The host and not the home team shall be responsible for ensuring that the field is correctly set up. In the event that a game is commenced and it is determined that the bases or pitching rubber are not at the correct distance, the inning in which the discrepancy is discovered shall be completed and then the bases or pitching rubber shall be moved to the correct distance.
- (e) Teams will be responsible "in cash" for half of the umpire fees for each game they play and supply half the balls per game played.
- (f) Awards will be awarded to winners and finalists.
- (g) Qualifier games cannot start before 8:30 a.m. or go beyond 11:30 p.m. except due to extenuating circumstances (weather, diamond availability) where Series Convener deems it necessary for game to be played outside these time parameters.
- (h) In case of curfew, rain, darkness, mechanical light failure or ties, a called game ends at the moment the umpire suspends play

**EXCEPTION:**

If the game is called during an uncompleted inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

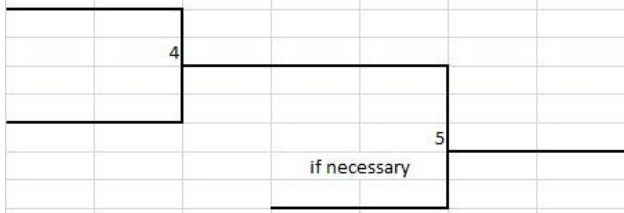
- i) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not score;
  - ii) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not tie the score or retake the lead.
- (i) Qualifier Formats**

**3 Team**



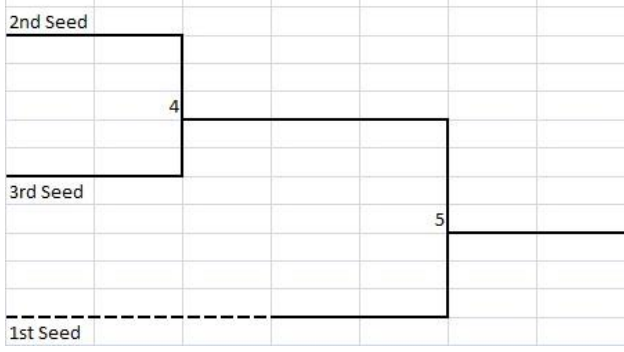
**A Scenario**

If one team is 2-0 and one team is 1-1, then use the following:



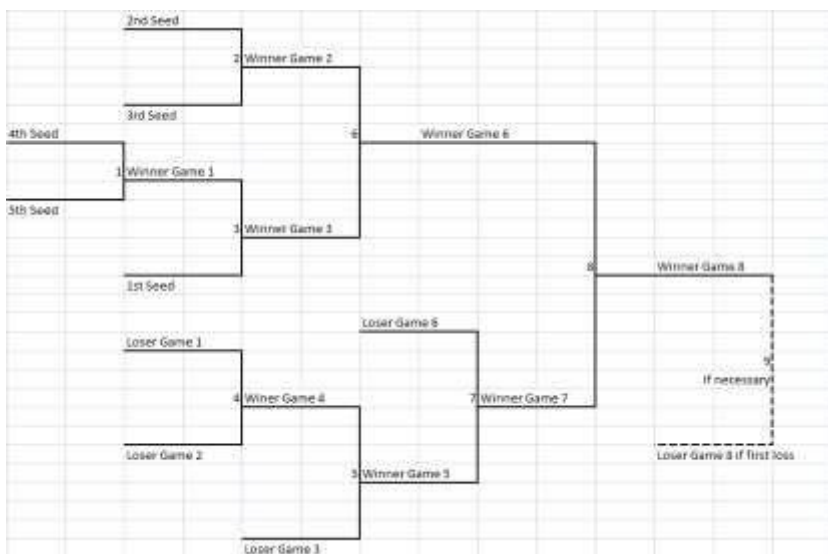
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If 3 teams are all 1-1, then use the following:

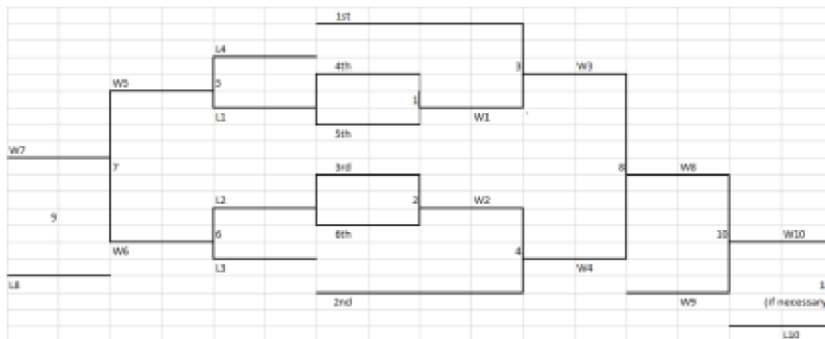




## 5 Team



**15. OBA PROVINCIAL PLAY-OFFS:**



- (a) COBA will classify all teams, as required by the OBA, on the basis of merit. The OBA reserves the right to alter or change team nominations made by the Association in the interests of fair competition.
- (b) A team choosing to play up a division must classify at that division for COBA qualifiers.
- (c) Where a COBA member Association hosts an OBA Championship in an age group where it has two teams entered in COBA and both teams are rated in the same category being hosted, then the team with the better COBA record shall be designated as the host's entrant.

**16. DISCIPLINE:**

- (a) In the event of an incident requiring possible disciplinary action, a written report by the game umpires will be forwarded to the Series Convener. A copy of the report will be forwarded by the Series Convener to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.
- (b) The infraction will be investigated by the COBA Protest and Discipline Committee.
- (c) Players, club officials and umpires involved will normally be requested to attend a hearing on the matter.

- (d) As soon as practicable following receipt of the report, the Protest and Discipline Committee will meet and arrive at a decision. Its decision will be implemented by the applicable Series Convener. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing by such party to the COBA Executive, upon payment of a \$50.00 deposit. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.
- (e) Guidelines for discipline are as follows:
  - 1. Team members ejected from a game for minor offences such as foul language, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc., shall be automatically suspended for the next scheduled league game or play-off game.
  - 2. A second ejection by the team member shall result in that team member being automatically suspended for the next 3 league games or play-off games.
  - 3. After three ejections, the team member shall be automatically suspended indefinitely and shall be invited to meet with the Protest and Discipline Committee for determination of the appropriate sanction.
  - 4. If ejected for physical contact with an umpire, fighting, shoving, unruly behaviour involving physical action between players or for a deliberate attempt to injure another player, the suspension will be a MINIMUM of 3 games.
- (f) The suspension described above may be modified if the situation warrants such action in the opinion of the Protest and Discipline Committee.
- (g) Playing or participating in a game during a suspension shall result in forfeiture of the game by the team and shall subject the team member to further suspension. In addition, a manager/coach permitting a team member under suspension to play or participate in a game shall be subject to suspension.

## **17. PROTESTS:**

- (a) All protests must be registered at the time of the incident with the game senior official. He will note and sign the protest in the official score book. Both managers/coaches will also sign that book.
- (b) The protesting team will submit a written report to the Series Convener within 48 hours via email or either hand delivered or

so post-marked. A copy will be forwarded to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.

- (c) A deposit of \$50.00, payable to COBA, shall accompany all protests. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld and may, in the absolute discretion of the Committee be retained or refunded if the protest is denied.
- (d) All protests must be based on baseball rules, not an umpire's judgment call.
- (e) The Protest and Discipline Committee will investigate the protest.
- (f) Umpires and club officials may be requested to attend a protest hearing.

The Protest and Discipline Committee should meet and arrive at a decision within 10 days of receipt of every protest. It's decision will be implemented by the Series Convener. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing to the COBA Executive upon payment of a further deposit of \$50.00. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.

**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
MINOR RULES AND REGULATIONS**



## (10U through 22U Series)

### 1. ENTRIES:

- (a) Every team will pay an annual entry fee as prescribed by COBA
- (b) Payment is to accompany entry on or before the April meeting of COBA Executive or as prescribed by COBA. As this is the principal source of revenue, entry fees have to be based on total number of teams and budget requirements.
- (c) Failure to pay on or before the April meeting will result in a penalty of 10% of the amount owed.
- (d) Failure to submit a team roster by April 30<sup>th</sup> will carry a fine of \$200 per team infraction.

### 2. DEFAULT FEE:

- (a) Every new Association will post a default fee of \$100.00.
- (b) Minor teams may play under the default fee posted by their Senior Club provided this is authorized in writing by the Senior Club to the COBA Secretary.

### 3. OBA CERTIFICATE, TAX & LIABILITY INSURANCE:

- (a) A team certificate tax will be paid by COBA to OBA for all of its teams as prescribed by OBA
- (b) Eligible Players: all players participating in COBA regular league and play-off games must be properly rostered with COBA and the OBA
- (c) A team's roster must be submitted to the COBA Registrar prior to the player's participation in a league game. A proper roster approved by the OBA Registrar must be presented before a player is eligible to play in any OBA sanctioned tournament (even in May).
- (d) Each participating team in COBA regular and play-off games must have at least one (1) manager and/or one (1) or more coaches signed to a proper roster which clearly marks the Manager or Coach who shall be responsible for that team.
- (e) All teams and all Associations must have the liability insurance provided through the OBA. This insurance must be purchased

before the teams and the Association begins the new baseball season. Fees are prescribed by the OBA

#### **4. RESIDENCE RULES:**

**NOTE:** Refer to OBA Constitution on Residence Rule P1-3, P1-4, P1-5 and P16.

For purpose of definition COBA will interpret the wording used in the above OBA sections as follows:

**Association:** shall mean those organized groups directly affiliated with the OBA (i.e., Central Ontario Baseball Association).

**Municipal Association:** shall mean a local organized group which represents a municipality and is affiliated with an Association.

**Club:** shall mean "team" within a Municipal Association.

**Member:** shall mean all persons (executive, directors, managers, coaches, players) of a Municipal Association.

A player shall not attend the tryouts of any Association to which the player is not carded unless the player has a letter of release from the Association in whose territory the player lives. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the player being called to a disciplinary hearing. Managers/Coaches shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that any player attending tryouts is eligible to attend the tryouts. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the Manager/Coach being called to a disciplinary hearing.

Any player or Manager/Coach violating this rule shall be liable to suspension.

(a) At 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U, COBA will deny any released denied by the relevant local association.

(b) At 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U, COBA will grant any release requested which has been denied by the relevant local association.

NOTE: a local association has authority to grant or deny any requested release in its discretion.

Any release requests must be granted or denied by local association within 14 days of request sent by player/parent. Failure by the local association to grant or respond to request within the 14 day timeframe will be deemed as denial of release.

#### **5. AGE CLASSIFICATION:**

Any team playing mixed age groups must play in the major series.

Age means that if a player is in any of the ages listed below before January 1st of the playing year, the player cannot play in that Series. If a player's birthday falls on January 1st, or after, in the playing year, the player can play in that Series.

10U	-	Age 10 on January 1st
11U	-	Age 11 on January 1st
12U	-	Age 12 on January 1st
13U	-	Age 13 on January 1st
14U	-	Age 14 on January 1st
15U	-	Age 15 on January 1st
16U	-	Age 16 on January 1st
18U	-	Age 18 on January 1st
22U	-	Age 21 on January 1st

No player may participate with more than one club in any one series.

## **6. MANAGER AND COACHES:**

Only properly rostered OBA coaches may sit on the bench at any time. Coaches/Managers from any non OBA recognized teams, may not coach, manage, or be on the bench during any games at penalty of forfeit and the coach being removed from team roster.

## **7. GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR:**

It is the mandate of COBA to create a positive image for baseball in the member communities. To accomplish this, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- (a) Positive words and actions by coaches, players and supporters fostering good sportsmanship are encouraged.
- (b) Swearing of any nature by coaches, players, officials and supporters will not be tolerated.
- (c) Offensive remarks or gestures directed at another individual's physical appearance, race, colour, ethnic origin or the like will equally not be tolerated.

- (d) Primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with these guidelines by a team, its players and supporters rests with the team's coaches.
- (e) Umpires are instructed to enforce these guidelines as a top priority. To do so, at their sole discretion, umpires may issue warnings, eject offenders (with or without prior warning) or take such action as is deemed appropriate. All such ejections shall be reported to the Protest and Discipline Committee for its review.

## 8. EQUIPMENT AND DRESS:

- (a) Players and club officials of 10U through 22U teams, when on the playing field, will be dressed in full baseball team uniform. Club officials may wear long pants of a matching team colour. Offenders will not be permitted on the playing field.
- (b) Defensive players other than catchers, may not wear batting type helmets.  
**exception:** a pitcher may wear such a helmet.
- (c) Pitchers shall not wear sweat bands, bandages, golf gloves or anything else on their uniforms or bodies which in the umpire's judgment could distract the batter. Failure to remove such item at the request of the umpire may lead to the ejection of the pitcher. Pitchers will be allowed to wear Medic-Alert bracelets on wrist of their pitching arm if such bracelets are locked or cannot be transferred to their non-pitching wrist.
- (d) At all times batter(s) and base runners(s) must wear helmets with two ear flaps. At 10U through 13U, these helmets must have chin straps to be applied by all batter(s) and base runners(s). Penalty for violation is same as illegally batted ball.
- (e) Catchers are required to wear protective equipment while catching.  
Minimum requirements are:
  - helmet - shin guards
  - mask                      - athletic supporter and cup
  - chest protector       - throat protector/extension
- (f) Any team member serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask with a throat protector or extension.
- (g) All equipment must be in good repair.

- (h) At 10U through 13U, players shall not wear metal cleats on shoes.
- (j) OBA approved balls and bats are required in all series.

**New Rep Bat Rules(p2-5)**

The maximum legal diameter for bats will be 2 ¾"

Subject to the following, in addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in rep play

For all 12U and 13U play, metal bats with (i) a1.15BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or(ii) USE Baseball Model is permitted, for this division using up to minus 10 length/weight differential is permitted.

For 14U and 15U play, wood and non-wood bats may be used. Only non-wood bats with a length-to-weight of a differential of -5or less are permitted.

For all levels of play 16U and above, only wood, wood composite and wood like material bats are permitted. Wood composite bats include wood or bamboo bats with fiberglass sheathing and wood barreled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bats that has any metallic component.

**Select Division Bat Rules(SP7.4)**

**18U &21U levels will use Wood or Wood Composite bats with a maximum of minus 3. The Minus 5 bat restriction applies for 15U level only.**

**Where metal bats are permitted, Baseball Ontario allows the Use of BESR certified bats and BBCOR certified bats in Baseball Ontario play, and to accept the NCAA list of BBCOR certified bats and the NFHS list of BESR certified bats, with the understanding the lists may be modified from time to time. Solid wood bats are always approved for Baseball Ontario play. For the purposes of the OBA Bat Rule, bamboo bats are wood bats and composite wood bats are wood bats. Metal/wood bats are not considered wood bats and cannot be used at 14U and above. Hollow aluminum alloy bats (Class A in the lists) are only approved for Baseball Ontario play at 13U and below.**

- (j) At 12U and 13U only drop 10 (-10) bats are allowed. At 14U thru 22U series, only wood and wood composite bats (exclude metal wood bats) will be eligible for COBA league play.

- (k) Any player in 14U, 15U, 16U or 18U acting as a base coach must wear a baseball helmet. Players at 13U and below shall not act as a base coach.

**9. GAMES:**

COBA will utilize the Official Rules of Baseball and the Rules and Regulations approved by the OBA annually, except as modified by these COBA Rules and Regulations.

- (a) Ground rules will be the responsibility of the home club. They will not contravene the rules of baseball and will be acceptable to the umpire-in-chief of the game.
- (b) Home team must allot the visiting team 15 minutes at 18U through 22U Series and 10 minutes at Rookie through 15U Series to complete its infield/outfield warm-up prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- (c) Game times will be as stated in the series schedule or as agreed upon by the teams and confirmed with the Series Convener. Teams will be allowed a 15-minute grace period from the scheduled start of the game to field a legal team. 10U through 16U games will be scheduled for 7 innings and 18U through 22U games will be scheduled for 9 innings, unless otherwise noted in the schedule or agreed upon by the teams. In the case of a tie at the end of the scheduled number of innings, extra innings will be played if time and light conditions permit.
- (d) An official game for 10U through 16U will be 5 innings or 2 hours of play regardless of the number of innings.
- (e) FIELD - Home team responsibility. Minimum standards require the base lines as close as possible to the regulations governing such lines as laid out in the official rule book.

	Mound	Mound	Bases	Bases	Diagonal	Diagonal
	Feet	Meters	Feet	Meters	Feet	Meters
14U and Up	60' 6"	18.4	90	27.4	127' 3"	38.9
12U and 13U	50	15.2	75	22.9	106	32.3
10U and 11U	44	13.4	65	19.9	91' 10"	28.0

Infractions should be noted on the game card for any action by the Series Convener.

- (f) Team standings will be based on a point system of 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. All games should be played to a winning conclusion where possible. If ejections to players on both teams result in neither team being then able to field nine players, then both teams shall forfeit the game and no points will be awarded to either team.
- (g) In 13U through 22U, in the event that all players have entered the game and an injury occurs, the opposing manager shall have the right of selecting any remaining player as the replacement.
- (h) An official game shall be:  
1) 2 hours of play from **scheduled start time**  
2) 5 innings (4.5 if home team is ahead)
- (i) Curfews: For 7 inning games, no new inning after 2 hours **from scheduled start**. Drop dead finish is 2:15 **from scheduled start**. In the event of a tie before curfew, extra innings should be played. For 9 inning games, no new inning after 3 hours **from scheduled start**.

EXCEPTION: If the game is called during an uncompleted inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

- i) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not score;
- ii) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not tie the score or retake the lead.

In 10U through 22U, any game that is called before five innings, or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, are played, must be rescheduled and replayed from the beginning.

- (k) Mercy Rule for 10U through 16U:

A game will be considered complete if, after five full innings, or after four and one half innings and the home team is ahead, or after subsequent innings, a differential of 10 runs or more exists. In addition after three innings (two and one half innings if the home team is ahead) a team is ahead by 18 runs, the mercy rule will apply. The plate umpire shall terminate the game at that point and the score shall be recorded as such.

Mercy Rule for 18U through 22U Series:

A game will be considered complete if, after five full innings, or after four and one half innings and the home team is ahead, or after subsequent innings, a differential of 10 runs or more exists. The plate umpire shall terminate the game at that point and the score shall be recorded as such.

(l) For 13U through 22U any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He must replace his sub and return to his original place in the batting order. Other than pursuant to (s), any pitcher, if removed from the game, may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player.

(m) In 10U through 12U 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. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury or official ejection during his 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, he shall assume his regular turn at bat.

If a runner is removed by reason of injury or official ejection from the game, the player last put out shall act as pinch runner for the removed player. By virtue of the rule there shall be no pinch runners or pinch hitters allowed. Also, unlimited substitutions defensively is allowed except, in 10U and 11U games, a pitcher once removed from pitching may not return to pitch.

(n) i) Designated Hitter (DH). In 16U through 22U, a designated hitter may be used for the pitcher as per the Official Rules of Baseball. This includes use of the Ohtani Rule allowing a player to be separately both the starting pitcher and starting DH.

ii) Extra Player (EP). In 13U, 14U, and 15U, the extra player may be used as per the OBA rule (P2-8 d).

iii) At 16U, a team may use either an EP or a designated hitter as 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.

iv) At 18U teams may:

a. Have 9 in the batting lineup with no DH or EP



- b. Have 9 in the batting lineup with a DH batting for the pitcher
- c. Have 10 in the batting lineup with an EP and the pitcher batting
- d. Have 10 in the batting lineup with an EP and a DH batting for the pitcher
- e. The EP may be substituted freely in and out of defensive positions
- f. Official Rules of Baseball DH rules as per i) above still apply

(o) Rule 8.06 Trips to Pitcher:

For 10U & 11U, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach shall be limited to **a maximum of 3** except when the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game. In 10U and 11U games, a pitcher once removed from pitching, regardless of the trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may not return to pitch in that game. (OBA P2-10)

From 12U through 22U, 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, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

- (p) All of Baseball Ontario's pitch count/arm care rules apply to COBA games. Coaches are responsible for using the Baseball Ontario pitch count app.
- (q) The official scorekeeper or designate shall be the official pitch count recorder. This recorder must provide the current pitch count for a pitcher when requested by either manager or umpire. The official pitch counter shall inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed.  
Note: It is the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when a pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or umpire fail to notify the manager.
- (r) A violation of subsection (p) when a player throws more pitches than is permitted, the player's team shall forfeit the game.
- (s) A pinch hitter or pinch runner may be inserted for a pitcher, who was listed in the starting batting order, and the pitcher may return to pitch under the re-entry rule only if the player is re-entered immediately as a pitcher when his/her team takes the field defensively.

(t) Where, in the umpire's judgment, a team is intentionally delaying a game to take advantage of a curfew or time limit, the umpire shall warn the manager of the offending team. If the situation continues, the umpire may then declare forfeiture by the offending team.

(u) CALL UPS:

For COBA regular league play, teams may call up a player from the following:

- (a) a rep team from the same local association playing at the same age category but in a lower tier (i.e. 12U Tier 1 could call up from 12U Tier 2);
- (b) a rep team from the same local association playing in a younger age group (within the range permitted by OBA) whether from Tier 1 or Tier 2 (i.e., a 12U Tier 2 team, could call up from 11U Tier 1 or 11U Tier 2); or
- (c) a select team from the same local association, where the player is of the age appropriate for the team (i.e. a 12U rep team could call up a player aged 12U from a 13U select team).

For COBA qualifier play, teams may call up a player as per (b) or (c), but (a) does not apply. Instead, they may call up from a rep team from the same local association at the same age category which is classified at a lower level (i.e. a 12U AAA team can call up from a 12U A team).

(v) OBA 10U and 11U rules will apply to COBA 10U and 11U games.

## **10. RESCHEDULING/FORFEITS/MAKE UP GAMES:**

(a) When a game is postponed, the home team must, within 48 hours, advise the Series Convener of the postponement and propose a date for the game to be played within 14 days.

(b) If the teams are unwilling to agree to a proper rescheduled date, the Series Convener will, at his/her sole discretion determine the time and place for the game.

(c) Violation of this Section 10 or failure to comply with the Series Convener's decision will, at the discretion of the Series Convener, result in forfeiture by the offending team(s).

(d) Games can only be forfeited under the following conditions: 1) A Team does not have enough players after 15 minutes from the schedule Game start time, 2) A Team does not have enough players to continue after the ejection of a player or players by an umpire or 3) By the Overall Series Chair. Games that cannot be made up for whatever reason will not necessarily result in a forfeit and team managers cannot determine whether the game is a forfeit or not.

## **11. GAME RESULTS:**

- (a) Game scores will be reported by the winning team to the Series Convener within twenty-four hours after the game has been played.
- (b) All ejections must be reported by the winning team to the series convener, with a copy going to the Chair of the RD&P within 24 hours of the game. For the report of the immediately following game(s) for the team of the ejected player or coach, the service of the applicable suspension must be noted.

## **12. UMPIRING:**

- (a) Umpiring fees will be determined by the Host Association.
- (b) Umpires must be paid prior to the start of each game.
- (c) At 10U through 22U games, visiting umpires will be paid for a no-start when the umpires have not been notified of a cancellation or postponement and were present for the game or if terminated before becoming a regulation game. Where umpires from out of town show for a game, 10U through 22U, they will be entitled to the \$5.00 travel fee for a no-start or termination in addition to the full scheduled umpires rates.
- (d) Every member Association will appoint an umpire-in-chief or scheduler who will assign at least one OBA carded umpire who has the required levels to each league game to be hosted by such Association. Failure to provide at least one carded umpire shall result in forfeiture by the home team. Game umpires must hold a current OBA card. If there is only one umpire, and the umpire and the home and visiting coaches agree, a spectator may be permitted to act as the second umpire.
- (e) If an Association has no carded umpires and COBA has to assign umpires, the cost will be \$5.00 more than the regular rate for both plate and bases (to be paid by the home team).
- (f) Any team member or family member shall not umpire in any game involving such team.

## **13. TOURNAMENTS AND EXHIBITION GAMES:**

- (a) All COBA play-off tournaments shall follow the OBA formats as outlined in the OBA Rule Book.

- (b) The COBA schedule takes precedence over any tournament or exhibition games. A team applying to a tournament must first obtain the approval of the COBA Secretary indicating that its Association is in good standing with COBA. It is the responsibility of the manager/coach seeking tournament or exhibition play to obtain permission from the Series Convener at least 10 days before any scheduled COBA game will be affected.
- (c) All teams which enter tournaments, must report results to Series Convener within 10 days of completion of tournament.
- (d) The manager/coach, being accepted for such a tournament, shall reschedule any affected scheduled COBA game at least 10 days before the tournament for a date either before the tournament or not more than 10 days following the tournament. The Series Convener shall be notified of such rescheduling at least 10 days before the tournament.
- (e) Failure to comply with 13(a), (b) or (c) may result in the forfeiture of game(s) at the discretion of the Series Convener.
- (f) All teams entering tournaments must comply with the current "OBA Tournament Rules and Regulations" and their Association shall be responsible to COBA and/or OBA for any such violations.

#### **14. COBA Qualifiers:**

- (a) Regular schedule must be completed by a date approved by the COBA Board.
- (b) COBA Qualifiers will be held to determine OBA berths. All COBA Qualifier formats will be a double knock-out as described in the OBA rule book. **COBA Qualifiers will follow Gold Book rules.** All Qualifier games will have a "no new inning" after two hours time limit with no drop dead time. The tournaments are to be held at the locations listed in paragraph (c) on the first, second or third weekend after the Civic Holiday. Play may, if necessary, commence during the week(s) prior to the Qualifier weekend, as determined by the Series Convener. Seeding will be determined by total points in League standings. If a first round bye is required, it will be given to the team finishing first in the League standings. Home team will be selected by seeding.
- (c) For COBA Qualifiers, OBA pitching rules apply.
- (d) If COBA is awarded more than one berth at the OBA's, Berths will be awarded to the COBA Qualifier winner, runner up, and so on until all berths are granted.

- (e) Teams must play 80% of their games in order to be eligible for qualifiers. Exceptions will only be at the discretion of the competition chair due to extenuating circumstances.
- (f) Eligibility of Players for Qualifiers. In order to be eligible to play in COBA Qualifiers, a player must have played in 60% of a team's COBA games prior to the Qualifiers. If they have not, the player is ineligible to play. COBA will enforce this rule on the basis of a challenge to a player's eligibility. (If not questioned, COBA will not review eligibility.) Teams may apply to the Series Convenor for an exemption for special circumstances (e.g. injury). The Series Convenor, in consultation with the Competition Chair, may rule on the exemption. A team, wishing to challenge a player's eligibility must pay a \$100/player challenge fee. If the challenge is successful, the fee is refunded. If the challenge is unsuccessful, the fee will be retained by COBA. If there is a challenge, the team will have to provide evidence of the player's eligibility. A call-up from a younger age category is eligible without meeting the 60% eligibility requirement.
- (g) Host sites for qualifiers will be announced prior to the start of the season. Host will be responsible for scheduling carded umpires and grounds keeping. The host and not the home team shall be responsible for ensuring that the field is correctly set up. In the event that a game is commenced and it is determined that the bases or pitching rubber are not at the correct distance, the inning in which the discrepancy is discovered shall be completed and then the bases or pitching rubber shall be moved to the correct distance.
- (h) Teams will be responsible "in cash" for half of the COBA approved umpire fees for each game they play and supply half the balls per game played.
- (i) If an affiliate association is hosting an OBA Championship the host team will not participate in the COBA qualifier tournament.
- (j) Qualifier game cannot start before 8:30 a.m. or go beyond 11:30 p.m. except due to extenuating circumstances (weather, diamond availability) where Series Convener deems it necessary for game to be played outside these time parameters.
- (k) In case of curfew, rain, darkness, mechanical light failure or ties, a called game **terminates** at the moment the umpire suspends play

EXCEPTION:

If the game is called during an uncompleted inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

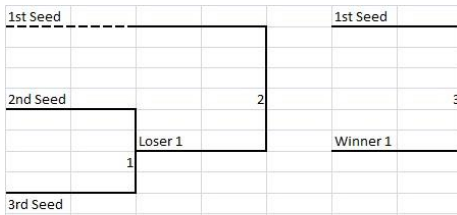
i) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not score;

ii) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not tie the score or retake the lead.

In 10U through 22U, any game that is suspended before five innings, or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, are played, must be continued from the point of suspension.

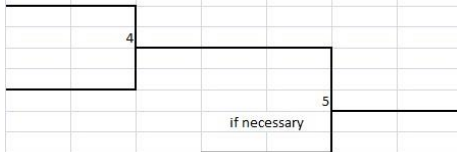
**(i)** Play-Off Formats

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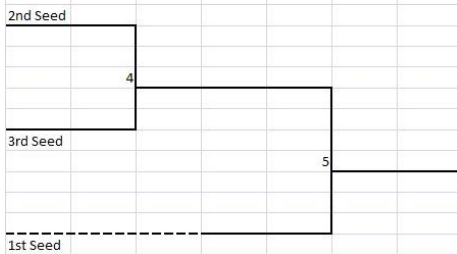
### A Scenario

If one team is 2-0 and one team is 1-1, then use the following:

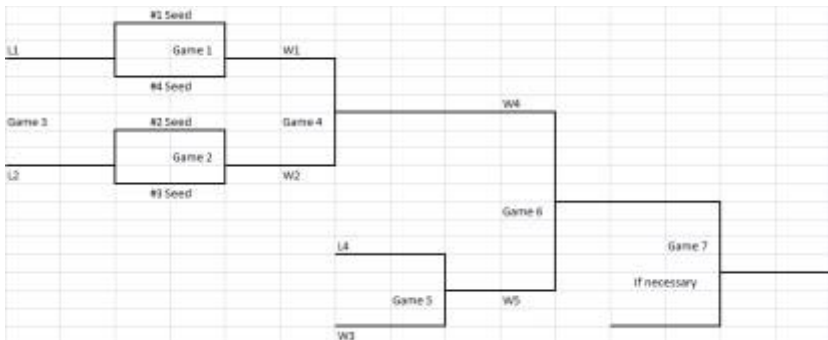


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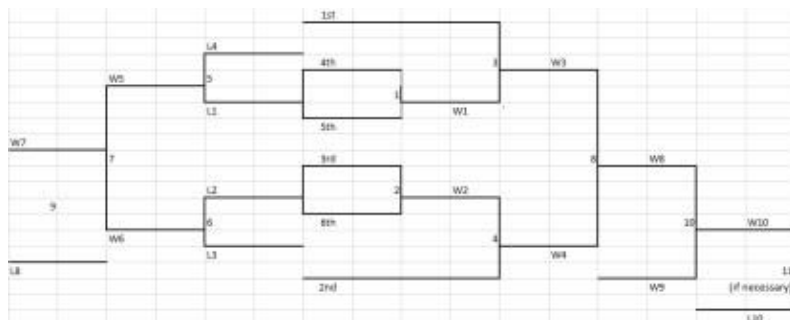
## 4 Team



## 5 Team



## 6 Team





## **15. OBA PROVINCIAL QUALIFIER:**

- (a) COBA will classify all teams, as required by the OBA, on the basis of merit. The OBA reserves the right to alter or change team nominations made by the Association in the interests of fair competition.
- (b) A team choosing to play up a division must classify at that division for COBA qualifier.
- (c) Where a COBA member Association hosts an OBA Championship in an age group where it has two teams entered in COBA and both teams are rated in the same category being hosted, then the team with the better COBA record shall be designated as the host's entrant.
- (d) In order to determine COBA's representatives for classification purposes at all series below 22U, a double knockout tournament shall be held.
- (e) At 22U, in order to determine COBA's representatives for a classification, the following rules apply:
  - 1. The team finishing the highest in league standings amongst all teams of the same classification shall be the COBA representative at such classification.
  - 2. If two (2) teams are tied at the end of the regular season, then a sudden death game will determine the winner. Places and times of sudden death game determined by the Series Convener.
  - 3. If three (3) teams are tied at the end of the regular season, then a round robin format will be used to determine the winner. Places and times of games to be determined by the Series Convener.
  - 4. If the three (3) teams are still tied after round robin play, then double knockout format will determine the winner with the round robin games counting in the double knockout format. Places and times of games to be determined by the Series Convener.

## **16. DISCIPLINE:**

- (a) In the event of an incident requiring possible disciplinary action, a written report by the game umpires will be forwarded to the Series Convener. A copy of the report will be forwarded by the

Series Convener to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.

- (b) The infraction will be investigated by the COBA Protest and Discipline Committee.
- (c) Players, club officials and umpires involved will normally be requested to attend a hearing on the matter.
- (d) As soon as practicable following receipt of the report, the Protest and Discipline Committee will meet and arrive at a decision. Its decision will be implemented by the applicable Series Convener. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing by such party to the COBA Executive, upon payment of a \$50.00 deposit. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.
- (e) Guidelines for discipline are as follows:
  - 1. Team members ejected from a game for minor offences such as foul language, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc., shall be automatically suspended for the next scheduled league game or play-off game.
  - 2. A second ejection by the team member shall result in that team member being automatically suspended for the next 3 league games or play-off games.
  - 3. After three ejections, the team member shall be automatically suspended indefinitely and shall be invited to meet with the Protest and Discipline Committee for determination of the appropriate sanction.
  - 4. If ejected for physical contact with an umpire, fighting, shoving, unruly behaviour involving physical action between players or for a deliberate attempt to injure another player, the suspension will be a MINIMUM of 3 games.
- (f) The suspension described above may be modified if the situation warrants such action in the opinion of the Protest and Discipline Committee.
- (g) Playing or participating in a game during a suspension shall result in forfeiture of the game by the team and shall subject the team member to further suspension. In addition, a manager/coach permitting a team member under suspension to play or participate in a game shall be subject to suspension.

## 17. PROTESTS:

- (a) All protests must be registered at the time of the incident with the game senior official. He will note and sign the protest in the official score book. Both managers/coaches will also sign that book.
- (b) The protesting team will submit a written report to the Series Convener within 48 hours via email or either hand delivered or so post-marked. A copy will be forwarded to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.
- (c) A deposit of \$50.00, payable to COBA, shall accompany all protests. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld and may, in the absolute discretion of the Committee be retained or refunded if the protest is denied.
- (d) All protests must be based on baseball rules, not an umpire's judgment  
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- (e) The Protest and Discipline Committee will investigate the protest.
- (f) Umpires and club officials may be requested to attend a protest hearing. The Protest and Discipline Committee should meet and arrive at a decision within 10 days of receipt of every protest. It's decision will be implemented by the Series Convener. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing to the COBA Executive upon payment of a further deposit of \$50.00. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.

**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
MAJOR AAA LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. ENTRIES:**

- a) Every club will pay an annual fee as prescribed by the COBA
- b) Payment to accompany entry on or before March 30th of the current year.

**2. DEFAULT FEE:**

- a) Every team will submit a \$1000 performance bond cheque and a letter of intent. When all other criteria are met, the team will receive rebates: \$300 after the first year, \$300 after the second year, \$400 after the third year.
- b) Any team forfeiting a game shall be subjected to the following penalty:
  - i) The defaulting team shall pay COBA a sum equal to \$100 plus the expense of the umpires for the game.
  - ii) The money will be remitted to the non-offending team upon approval of expenses. In the event that the umpires have not been paid for the defaulted game their fees will be deducted from the non-offending team's share.

**3. PLAYER CERTIFICATES (OBA) CERTIFICATE TAX AND LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

- a) A team certificate tax will be paid by COBA to the OBA for all of its teams as prescribed by the OBA
- b) Eligible Players: all players participating in a COBA senior game must be registered with COBA and hold an OBA certificate for the current year.
- c) A player's certificate must be submitted to the COBA Registrar prior to the player's participation in a league game. A certificate approved by the OBA Registrar must be presented before a player is eligible to play in any OBA sanctioned tournament (even in May).
- d) Each participating team in COBA regular and qualifier games must have at least one (1) manager and/or one (1) coach signed to an OBA certificate clearly marked 'Manager' or 'Coach' and who shall be responsible for that team.

- e) All teams and all Associations must have the liability insurance provided through Baseball Ontario. This insurance must be purchased before teams and the Association begins the new season. Fees are prescribed by OBA 1a) and 1b).

#### **4. EQUIPMENT AND DRESS:**

- a) OBA approved baseballs are required in all games. Only wood or composite bats will be eligible for COBA league games. Metal/Wood bats are not to be considered wood bats and not allowed in 16U through 22U play.
- b) Players and club officials of all teams when on the playing field will be dressed in full baseball team uniform.
- c) Defensive players, other than catchers, will not wear batting type helmets.
- d) All catchers are required to wear a mask with throat protector or throat extension, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, cup and a cup-type supporter.
- e) Any team member serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask with a throat protector.
- f) At all times batter(s) and base runner(s) must wear helmets with two ear flaps. Penalty for violation same as for illegally batted ball.
- g) Pitchers will be allowed to wear Medic-Alert Bracelets on wrist of their pitching arm if such bracelets are locked or cannot be transferred to their non-pitching wrist.

**NOTE:** Equipment which in the opinion of the Umpire is considered broken or defective, is to be removed from the game upon notification by the Umpire.

#### **5. GAMES:**

- a) Ground rules will be the responsibility of the home club. They will not contravene the rules of baseball and will be acceptable to the umpire-in-chief of the game.
- b) Home team must allot the Visiting team 15 minutes to complete their infield/outfield warm-up prior to the scheduled start of the game.

- c) Games, unless specifically designated by the convener, will consist of nine innings.
- d) Double-headers will consist of two games of nine innings each.
- e) Double-headers may be played as two games of seven innings or one game of nine innings and one of seven innings with the agreement of both teams involved.
- f) Field - Home team responsibility. Minimum standards require the baseline, coaches' boxes and three foot line as close as possible to the regulations governing such lines as laid out in the official rule book.
- g) In the case of a tie after regulation game, the umpires will continue the game as long as time and conditions permit.
- h) If a regular season game should end for any reason (including curfew, rain, baseball rules) with a tie score, the game shall be declared a tie and each team shall receive one point.
- i) In case of rain, darkness, mechanical light failure or ties, a called game ends at the moment the umpire terminates play.

**EXCEPTION:** if the game is called during an incomplete inning the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

- (1) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not score.
- (2) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not tie the score or retake the lead.
- j) For all Major Series league games, a curfew rule will apply as follows: no new inning to start after 3 hours and 15 minutes from the scheduled start time of the game.
- k) A designated hitter may be used as per the "official rules of baseball" 6.10(b).

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, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

- l) A designated runner may be used for the catcher as per league rules
- m) Mercy Rule for Senior Series:
  - i) A 9 inning game will be considered complete if, after 7 full innings, or after 6 ½ innings the home team is ahead, or after subsequent inning, a differential of 10 runs or more exists, provided a minimum of 2 hours has been played. The plate umpire shall terminate the game at that point and the score shall be recorded as such.
  - ii) A 7 inning game will be considered complete if, after 5 full innings, or after 4 ½ innings the home team is ahead, or after subsequent inning, a differential of 10 runs or more exists. The Plate umpire shall terminate the game at that point and the score shall be recorded as such.

## **6. RESCHEDULING:**

- a) The home team manager has the responsibility to reschedule rained out games within 72 hours of the original scheduled date. The home team manager must also advise the series chairman of the new date and notify the person responsible for supplying officials of the time and place of the rescheduled game. The Senior Convener will enforce these provisions.
- b) Any team wishing to postpone a game must notify the series chairman at least seven days prior to the schedule date. If the postponement is acceptable, a new date will be set. The team requesting the postponement must notify the opposing team and the assigning umpire of the new date, place and time.
- c) If two teams cannot agree on a new date for a postponed game within three weeks, the series chairman will set the date, time and place if necessary. The series chairman's decision will be final.
- d) Games must be rescheduled for the earliest date in which the two teams are not already scheduled. Earliest date will be determined by the home team's playing dates.
- e) Teams must play 100% of their games in order to be eligible for playoffs. Exceptions will only be at the discretion of the Commissioner in extenuating circumstances, whose decision will be final.

## **7. STATISTICS:**

- a) The home team manager is responsible for contacting the series chairman, by telephone or e-mail, within 24 hours after the scheduled time of the game.

## **8. UMPIRES:**

- a) Umpires shall be paid by the home team and must be paid prior to the start of game(s).
  - b) Umpires will be paid rates as agreed upon by the league executive and the Umpires Association
  - c) If one of the assigned umpires does not arrive for the game, the other assigned umpire will have the right to choose an OBA carded umpire from the spectators.
  - d) If one of the assigned umpires does not arrive for the game and no OBA carded umpire is available, an alternate may be chosen if agreed to by both teams and the plate umpire.
7. All senior umpires must attend an OBA sanctioned clinic and take a written test as required by OBA

## **9. SCHEDULE:**

A team must complete 75% of scheduled league games before OBA classification date to be eligible for league or OBA play-offs.

## **10. PLAY-OFFS - OBA REPRESENTATIVE:**

Home field for a play-off game to determine an OBA representative will be as follows:

- a) if one team has an advantage in wins over the other team during the regular season, it will receive the home field for the play-off game.
- b) if the tied teams split their regular season games, then a coin toss will determine the home field.
- c) if the above are not practical due to time restraints, the series chairman will decide the location.



## **11. PLAY-OFFS-LEAGUE:**

Format for the league play-offs shall be determined by the teams prior to the first scheduled game.

## **12. SPECIAL AWARDS:**

- a) COBA Sr. League will recognize Division Champions and Play-Off Champions and will present the Ansen Buck Trophy to the Regular Season Champions
- b) Most Valuable Player, Outstanding Pitcher, Sportsman of the Year, Executive of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Comeback Player of the Year, Home Run and Play-off Most Valuable Player Awards to be under the direction of the COBA Sr. Executive.
- c) Batting Champion to be under the direction of the senior series teams:
  - i) To be awarded to the player with the highest batting average.
  - ii) To be eligible, the player must have sufficient at bats plus walks and sacrifices to equal or exceed 2.5 times the number of games played by the team.
- d) All Star team(s) to be chosen
- e) Hall of Fame Inductions

## **13. DECISIONS:**

- a) All decisions made by the senior section shall be subject to the approval of COBA and the OBA
- b) Appeals on decisions by the senior chairman may be made to the executive of COBA

## **14. DISCIPLINE:**

Guidelines for discipline are as follows:

- a) Team members will be ejected from a game for minor offences such as foul language, unsportsmanlike conduct. Players are eligible for next league game after the initial ejection but subject to OBA rules.
  - b) After 2 ejections in league or play-offs, a team member will be automatically suspended for 1 game. The 3rd and following ejections will result in a minimum of a further 1 game suspension and disciplinary action from the Commissioner and/or the COBA Protest and Discipline Committee.
  - c) If ejected for uttering a racial slur, fighting, shoving, objectionable conduct, gross misconduct, abuse of umpires, unruly behavior involving physical action between players, fans or umpires, or for a deliberate attempt to injure another player, a mandatory 3 game suspension will be imposed. Team officials will be advised, at the time of ejection, what the initial penalty will be and will be so noted by the umpire-in-chief in the official score book. There may also be further action taken by the Commissioner and/or the COBA Protest and Discipline Committee.
  - d) Exception to suspensions as outlined in subsections i) and ii) above will be a carded manager or coach who may only manage or coach in the next game(s).
  - e) Senior teams who utilize public address systems during their home games are strongly cautioned to safeguard same. No unauthorized announcers, and certainly no derogatory remarks towards players, umpires, or spectators will be tolerated. The game could be forfeited to the visiting team.
8. If a word or phrase that is uttered during a game by any team member is deemed to be obscene or offensive by any umpire officiating the game and such word or phrase is deemed to have been audible to any spectator, then time will be called by any umpire officiating the game and a warning will be issued to both teams. Any subsequent obscene or offensive utterances will result in immediate ejection of any and all team members responsible for such utterances.

## **15. PROTESTS:**

- a) All protests must be registered at the time of the incident with the game umpire-in-chief. The teams will have 10 minutes to attempt to resolve the protest on the field. Managers may bring

rule books out on to the field for the purposes of attempting to resolve the protest without being ejected from the game. If the protest cannot be resolved on the field, the umpire-in-chief will note and sign the protest in the official score book. Both Managers/Coaches will also sign that book.

- b) The protesting team will submit a written report to the Senior Commissioner within 48 hours, either hand-delivered or so post-marked. A copy will be forwarded to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.
- c) A deposit of \$50, payable to COBA, shall accompany all protests. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld and may, in the absolute discretion of the Committee, be retained or refunded if the protest is denied.
- d) All protests must be based on baseball rules - not on umpire's judgment call.
- e) The COBA Protest and Discipline Committee will investigate the protest.
- f) Umpires and club officials may be requested to attend a protest hearing.

The Protest and Discipline Committee should meet and arrive at a decision within 10 days of receipt of every protest. Its decision will be implemented by the Senior Commissioner. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing to the COBA Executive upon payment of a further deposit of \$50.00. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.

**CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
SELECT RULES AND REGULATIONS  
(11U through 22U Series)**

**NOTE: The following rules apply where COBA operates a Select Loop or a Select Provincial Qualifier. Where there are not enough Select teams at a particular series to run a separate Select Loop, as determined by the COBA Executive, and Select teams are playing with Rep teams in Tier 1 or Tier 2, then the Rep rules applicable to Tier 1 and Tier 2 shall apply to all league games.**

**1. ENTRIES:**

- (a) Every team will pay an annual entry fee as prescribed by COBA
- (e) Payment is to accompany entry on or before the April meeting of COBA Executive or as prescribed by COBA. As this is the principal source of revenue, entry fees have to be based on total number of teams and budget requirements.
- (f) Failure to pay on or before the April meeting will result in a penalty of 10% of the amount owed.
- (g) Failure to submit a team roster by April 30<sup>th</sup> will carry a fine of \$200 per team infraction.
- (h) Only a COBA member association may enter a Select team.

**2. DEFAULT FEE:**

- (a) Every new Association will post a default fee of \$100.00.
- (b) Minor teams may play under the default fee posted by their Senior Club provided this is authorized in writing by the Senior Club to the COBA Secretary.

**3. OBA ASSOCIATION FEE & LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

- (a) Each local association offering select play will pay to OBA its association fee as prescribed by OBA.
- (b) Eligible Players: all players participating in COBA regular league and qualifier games must be properly rostered with COBA and the OBA
- (e) A team's roster must be submitted to the COBA Registrar prior to the player's participation in a league game. A proper roster

approved by the OBA Registrar must be presented before a player is eligible to play in any OBA sanctioned tournament (even in May).

- (d) Each participating team in COBA regular and qualifier games must have at least one (1) manager and/or one (1) or more coaches signed to a proper roster which clearly marks the Manager or Coach who shall be responsible for that team.
- (e) All teams and all Associations must have the liability insurance provided through the OBA. This insurance must be purchased before the teams and the Association begins the new baseball season. Fees are prescribed by the OBA

#### **4. RESIDENCE RULES:**

Any team wishing to play in the COBA Select Division must have fifty (50) percent of the players on the team from the home association. Any team not meeting this requirement must obtain permission from the COBA Competition Committee to participate in league play BUT will not be eligible for COBA qualifiers.

#### **5. AGE CLASSIFICATION:**

- (a) Any team playing mixed age groups must play in the major series.
- (b) Age means that if a player is in any of the ages listed below before January 1st of the playing year, the player cannot play in that Series. If a player's birthday falls on January 1st, or after, in the playing year, the player can play in that Series.

9U	-	Age 9 on January 1st
11U	-	Age 11 on January 1st
13U	-	Age 13 on January 1st
15U	-	Age 15 on January 1st
18U	-	Age 18 on January 1st
22U	-	Age 21 on January 1st

- (c) No player may participate with more than one club in any one series.

#### **6. MANAGER AND COACHES:**

Only properly rostered OBA coaches may sit on the bench at any time. Coaches/Managers from any non OBA recognized teams, may not coach, manage, or be on the bench during any games at penalty of forfeit and the coach being removed from team roster.

## **7. GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR:**

It is the mandate of COBA to create a positive image and safe environment for baseball in the member communities. To accomplish this, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- (a) Positive words and actions by coaches, players and supporters fostering good sportsmanship are encouraged.
- (b) Swearing of any nature by coaches, players, officials and supporters will not be tolerated.
- (c) Offensive remarks or gestures directed at another individual's physical appearance, race, colour, ethnic origin or the like will equally not be tolerated.
- (d) Primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with these guidelines by a team, its players and supporters rests with the team's coaches.
- (e) Umpires are instructed to enforce these guidelines as a top priority. To do so, at their sole discretion, umpires may issue warnings, eject offenders (with or without prior warning) or take such action as is deemed appropriate. All such ejections shall be reported to the Protest and Discipline Committee for its review.

## **8. EQUIPMENT AND DRESS:**

- (a) Players and club officials of 11U through 22U teams, when on the playing field, will be dressed in full baseball team uniform issued by the local association. Club officials may wear long pants of a matching team colour. Offenders will not be permitted on the playing field.
- (b) Pitchers shall not wear sweat bands, bandages, golf gloves or anything else on their uniforms or bodies which in the umpire's judgment could distract the batter. Failure to remove such item at the request of the umpire may lead to the ejection of the pitcher. Pitchers will be allowed to wear Medic-Alert bracelets on wrist of their pitching arm if such bracelets are locked or cannot be transferred to their non-pitching wrist.

- (c) At all times batter(s) and base runners(s) must wear helmets with two ear flaps. At 11U through 13U, these helmets must have chin straps to be applied by all batter(s) and base runners(s). Penalty for violation is same as illegally batted ball.
- (d) Catchers are required to wear protective equipment while catching.  
Minimum requirements are:
  - helmet - shin guards
  - mask - athletic supporter and cup
  - chest protector - throat protector/extension
- (e) Any team member serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask with a throat protector or extension.
- (f) All equipment must be in good repair.
- (g) At 11U through 13U, players shall not wear metal cleats on shoes.
- (h) OBA approved balls and bats are required in all series.
- (i) At 13U series, only drop 10 (-10) bats or lower are allowed. At 15U series, only drop 5 (-5) bats or lower are allowed. At 18U thru 22U series, only wood and wood composite bats (exclude metal wood bats) will be eligible for COBA league play.
- (j) Any player in 15U or 18U acting as a base coach must wear a baseball helmet.

## **9. GAMES:**

COBA will utilize the Official Rules of Baseball and the Select Division Rules approved by the OBA annually, except as modified by these COBA Rules and Regulations.

- (a) Ground rules will be the responsibility of the home club. They will not contravene the rules of baseball and will be acceptable to the umpire-in-chief of the game.
- (b) Home team must allot the visiting team 10 minutes to complete its infield/outfield warm-up prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- (c) Game times will be as stated in the series schedule or as agreed upon by the teams and confirmed with the Series Convener. Teams will be allowed a 15 minute grace period from the scheduled start of the game to field a legal team. 11U through

22U games will be scheduled for 7 innings. In the case of a tie at the end of the scheduled number of innings, extra innings will be played if time and light conditions permit.

- (d) FIELD - Home team responsibility. Minimum standards require the base lines as close as possible to the regulations governing such lines as laid out in the official rule book.

	Mound	Mound	Bases	Bases	Diagonal	Diagonal
	Feet	Meters	Feet	Meters	Feet	Meters
15U and Up	60' 6"	18.4	90	27.4	127' 3"	38.9
13U	50	15.2	75	22.9	106	32.3
11U	44	13.4	65	19.9	91' 10"	28.0

Infractions should be noted on the game card for any action by the Series Convener.

- (e) Team standings will be based on a point system of 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. All games should be played to a winning conclusion where possible. If ejections to players on both teams result in neither team being then able to field nine players, then both teams shall forfeit the game and no points will be awarded to either team.
- (f) An official game shall be:  
 3) 2 hours of play from **scheduled start time**  
 4) 5 innings (4.5 if home team is ahead)
- (g) Curfews: For 7 inning games, no new inning after 2 hours **from scheduled start**. Drop dead finish is 2:15 **from scheduled start**. In the event of a tie before curfew, extra innings should be played. For 9 inning games, no new inning after 3 hours **from scheduled start**.

EXCEPTION: If the game is called during an uncompleted inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

- i) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not score;
- ii) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not tie the score or retake the lead.



In 11U through 22U, any game that is called before five innings, or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, are played, must be rescheduled and replayed from the beginning.

(h) Mercy Rule for 11U through 22U:

A game will be considered complete if, after five full innings, or after four and one half innings and the home team is ahead, or after subsequent innings, a differential of 10 runs or more exists. In addition after three innings (two and one half innings if the home team is ahead) a team is ahead by 18 runs, the mercy rule will apply. The plate umpire shall terminate the game at that point and the score shall be recorded as such.

(i) All players present at the game shall be listed on the team's batting lineup in the order desired by the manager/coach and bat in that order. Up to the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, late arrivals shall be added to the bottom of this batting order. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury or official ejection during his 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, he shall assume his regular turn at bat.

If a runner is removed by reason of injury or official ejection from the game, the player last put out shall act as pinch runner for the removed player. By virtue of the rule there shall be no pinch runners or pinch hitters allowed.

(j) Each player present at a game must play in the field, unless injured, at least two (2) innings of the first four (4) innings. PENALTY – Two (2) game suspension for the manager/coach.

(k) Defensive substitutions are allowed only at the end of an inning except in the case of an injury or a pitching change.

(l) At 11U there are to be no lead offs. Base runner(s) shall not leave a base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Penalty: The runner is out and the ball is declared dead immediately when the runner leaves the base.

(m) A pitcher once removed from the pitching position may remain in the game but may not return to pitch.

(n) Rule 8.06 Trips to Pitcher:

For 11U, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach shall be limited **to a maximum of 3** except when the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.

From 13U through 22U, 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.

(o) All of Baseball Ontario's pitch count/arm care rules apply to COBA games. Coaches are responsible for using the Baseball Ontario pitch count app.

(p) The official scorekeeper or designate shall be the official pitch count recorder. This recorder must provide the current pitch count for a pitcher when requested by either manager or umpire. The official pitch counter shall inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed.

Note: It is the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when a pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or umpire fail to notify the manager.

(q) A violation of subsection (o) when a player throws more pitches than is permitted, the player's team shall forfeit the game.

(r) At 11U and 13U, a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game.

(s) At 11U, balks are not to be called. Should pitchers balk (eg. double set or not pause), umpires will indicate such infractions to the coach between innings. In the 13U Division, umpires will call balks on a pitcher only after that pitcher has been warned of an infraction and an explanation has been given to that pitcher by the umpire. The ball is considered a dead ball where the first warning is given. No balk warnings will be issued at 15U through 22U. If a balk is called, but the pitcher throw a pitch, it will count as a pitch thrown for pitch count purposes, even if not counted as a ball or a strike.

(t) Where, in the umpire's judgment, a team is intentionally delaying a game to take advantage of a curfew or time limit, the umpire shall warn the manager of the offending team. If the situation continues, the umpire may then declare forfeiture by the offending team.

(u) **CALL UPS:**

For COBA regular league or COBA qualifier games, teams may call up a player from an age division below Select team. Select teams may not call up from a Rep team.

## **10. RESCHEDULING/FORFEITS/MAKE UP GAMES:**

- (a) When a game is postponed, the home team must, within 48 hours, advise the Series Convener of the postponement and propose a date for the game to be played within 14 days.
- (e) If the teams are unwilling to agree to a proper rescheduled date, the Series Convener will, at his/her sole discretion determine the time and place for the game.
- (f) Violation of this Section 10 or failure to comply with the Series Convener's decision will, at the discretion of the Series Convener, result in forfeiture by the offending team(s).
- (g) Games can only be forfeited under the following conditions: 1) A Team does not have enough players after 15 minutes from the schedule Game start time, 2) A Team does not have enough players to continue after the ejection of a player or players by an umpire or 3) By the Overall Series Chair. Games that cannot be made up for whatever reason will not necessarily result in a forfeit and team managers cannot determine whether the game is a forfeit or not.

## **11. GAME RESULTS:**

- (a) Game scores will be reported by the winning team to the Series Convener within twenty-four hours after the game has been played.
- (b) All ejections must be reported by the winning team to the series convener, with a copy going to the Chair of the Protest Committee within 24 hours of the game. For the report of the immediately following game(s) for the team of the ejected player or coach, the service of the applicable suspension must be noted.

## **12. UMPIRING:**

- (a) Umpiring fees will be determined by the Host Association.
- (b) At 11U through 22U games, visiting umpires will be paid for a no-start when the umpires have not been notified of a cancellation or postponement and were present for the game or if terminated before becoming a regulation game. Where umpires from out of town show for a game, 11U through 22U, they will be entitled to the \$5.00 travel fee for a no-start or termination in addition to the full scheduled umpires rates.

- (c) Every member Association will appoint an umpire-in-chief or scheduler who will assign at least one OBA carded umpire who has the required levels to each league game to be hosted by such Association. Failure to provide at least one carded umpire shall result in forfeiture by the home team. Game umpires must hold a current OBA card. If there is only one umpire, and the umpire and the home and visiting coaches agree, a spectator may be permitted to act as the second umpire.
- (d) If an Association has no carded umpires and COBA has to assign umpires, the cost will be \$5.00 more than the regular rate for both plate and bases (to be paid by the home team).
- (e) Any team member or family member shall not umpire in any game involving such team.

### **13. TOURNAMENTS AND EXHIBITION GAMES:**

- (a) All COBA qualifiers tournaments shall follow the OBA formats as outlined in the OBA Rule Book.
- (b) The COBA schedule takes precedence over any tournament or exhibition games.
- (c) The manager/coach, being accepted for such a tournament, shall reschedule any affected scheduled COBA game at least 10 days before the tournament for a date either before the tournament or not more than 10 days following the tournament. The Series Convener shall be notified of such rescheduling at least 10 days before the tournament.
- (d) Failure to comply with 13(a), (b) or (c) may result in the forfeiture of game(s) at the discretion of the Series Convener.

### **14. COBA Qualifiers:**

- (b) Regular schedule must be completed by a date approved by the COBA Board.
- (c) COBA Qualifiers will be held to determine OBA berths. All COBA Qualifier formats will be a double knock-out as described in the OBA rule book. **COBA Qualifiers will follow Gold Book rules.** All Qualifier games will have a “no new inning” after two hours time limit with no drop dead time. The tournaments are to be held at the locations listed in paragraph (c) on the first, second or third weekend after the Civic Holiday. Play may, if necessary, commence during the week(s) prior to the Qualifier

weekend, as determined by the Series Convener. Seeding will be determined by total points in League standings. If a first round bye is required, it will be given to the team finishing first in the League standings. Home team will be selected by seeding.

- (d) Only select teams playing in COBA league play are eligible for COBA  
Select qualifiers.
- (e) **Eligibility of Players for Qualifiers.** In order to be eligible to play in COBA Qualifiers, a player must have played in 60% of a team's COBA games prior to the Qualifiers. If they have not, the player is ineligible to play. COBA will enforce this rule on the basis of a challenge to a player's eligibility. (If not questioned, COBA will not review eligibility.) Teams may apply to the Series Convener for an exemption for special circumstances (e.g. injury). The Series Convener, in consultation with the Competition Chair, may rule on the exemption. A team, wishing to challenge a player's eligibility must pay a \$100/player challenge fee. If the challenge is successful, the fee is refunded. If the challenge is unsuccessful, the fee will be retained by COBA. If there is a challenge, the team will have to provide evidence of the player's eligibility. A call-up from a younger age category is eligible without meeting the 60% eligibility requirement.
- (f) For COBA Qualifiers, OBA select pitching rules apply.
- (g) If COBA is awarded more than one berth at the OBA's, Berths will be awarded to the COBA OBA Qualifier winner, runner up, and so on until all berths are granted.
- (h) Teams must play 80% of their games in order to be eligible for qualifiers. Exceptions will only be at the discretion of the competition chair due to extenuating circumstances.
- (i) Host sites for qualifiers will be announced at the beginning of the season.. Host will be responsible for scheduling carded umpires and grounds keeping. The host and not the home team shall be responsible for ensuring that the field is correctly set up. In the event that a game is commenced and it is determined that the bases or pitching rubber are not at the correct distance, the inning in which the discrepancy is discovered shall be completed and then the bases or pitching rubber shall be moved to the correct distance.

- (j) Teams will be responsible "in cash" for half of the umpire fees for each game they play and supply half the balls per game played.
- (k) If a COBA local association is hosting an OBA Championship the host team will not participate in the COBA OBA qualifier tournament.
- (l) Qualifier game cannot start before 8:30 a.m. or go beyond 11:30 p.m. except due to extenuating circumstances (weather, diamond availability) where Series Convener deems it necessary for game to be played outside these time parameters.
- (m) In case of curfew, rain, darkness, mechanical light failure or ties, a called game **terminates** at the moment the umpire suspends play

**EXCEPTION:**

If the game is called during an uncompleted inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

- i) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not score;
- ii) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning and the home team does not tie the score or retake the lead.

In 10U through 22U, any game that is suspended before five innings, or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, are played, must be continued from the point of suspension.

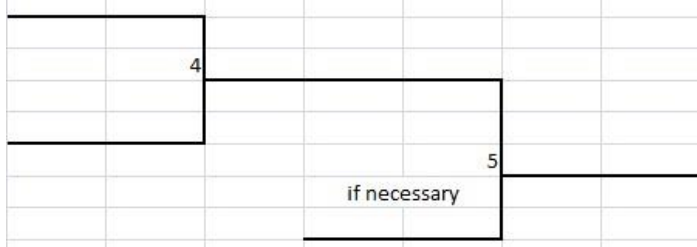
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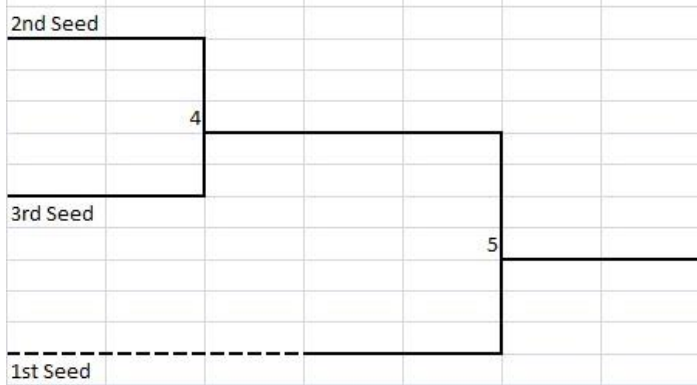
**A Scenario**

If one team is 2-0 and one team is 1-1, then use the following:



**B Scenario**

If 3 teams are all 1-1, then use the following:



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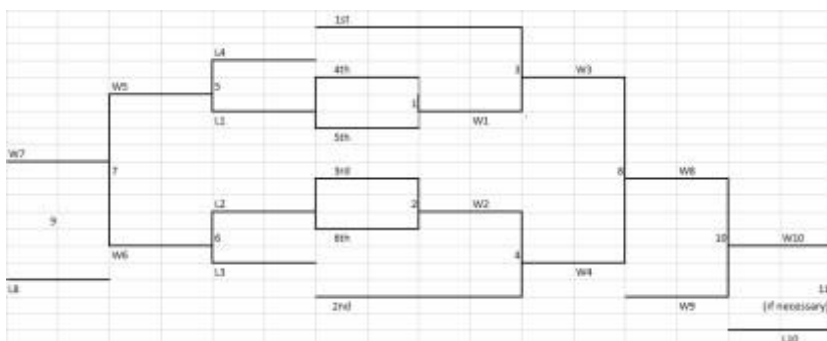


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### 15. DISCIPLINE:

- (a) In the event of an incident requiring possible disciplinary action, a written report by the game umpires will be forwarded to the Series Convener. A copy of the report will be forwarded by the Series Convener to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.
- (b) The infraction will be investigated by the COBA Protest and Discipline Committee.
- (c) Players, club officials and umpires involved will normally be requested to attend a hearing on the matter.
- (d) As soon as practicable following receipt of the report, the Protest and Discipline Committee will meet and arrive at a decision. Its decision will be implemented by the applicable Series Convener. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing by such party to the COBA Executive, upon payment of a \$50.00 deposit. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.
- (e) Guidelines for discipline are as follows:
  1. Team members ejected from a game for minor offences such as foul language, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc., shall be automatically suspended for the next scheduled league game or qualifier game.

2. A second ejection by the team member shall result in that team member being automatically suspended for the next 3 league games or qualifier games.
  3. After three ejections, the team member shall be automatically suspended indefinitely and shall be invited to meet with the Protest and Discipline Committee for determination of the appropriate sanction.
  4. If ejected for physical contact with an umpire, fighting, shoving, unruly behaviour involving physical action between players or for a deliberate attempt to injure another player, the suspension will be a MINIMUM of 3 games.
- (f) The suspension described above may be modified if the situation warrants such action in the opinion of the Protest and Discipline Committee.
- (g) Playing or participating in a game during a suspension shall result in forfeiture of the game by the team and shall subject the team member to further suspension. In addition, a manager/coach permitting a team member under suspension to play or participate in a game shall be subject to suspension.

## **16. PROTESTS:**

- (a) All protests must be registered at the time of the incident with the game senior official. He will note and sign the protest in the official score book. Both managers/coaches will also sign that book.
- (b) The protesting team will submit a written report to the Series Convener within 48 hours via email or either hand delivered or so post-marked. A copy will be forwarded to the Protest and Discipline Committee Chairman.
- (c) A deposit of \$50.00, payable to COBA, shall accompany all protests. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld and may, in the absolute discretion of the Committee be retained or refunded if the protest is denied.
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Its decision will be implemented by the Series Convener. An appeal by any affected party from the decision of the Protest and Discipline Committee may be made in writing to the COBA Executive upon payment of a further deposit of \$50.00. The COBA Executive shall hear such appeal at its next meeting.

**17. AWARDS:**

COBA will provide 20 awards from 11U to 18U and 25 awards at 22U.

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### **Associations Websites for Contacts and Park Locations**

Brampton Minor Baseball	bmbi.net
Burlington Minor Baseball	baseballburlington.com
Erindale Minor Baseball	leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=erindalecardinals
Halton Hills Minor Baseball	haltonhillsminorbaseball.com
Baseball Milton	baseballmilton.com
Mississauga Majors	mississaugamajors.com
Mississauga North	mississauganorthbaseball.com
Mississauga Southwest	msbabaseball.ca
Oakville Minor Baseball	baseballoakville.com
Waterdown Minor Baseball	waterdownminorbaseball.com