

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF SELECT DIVISION

S1 ORGANIZATION

S1.01 SELECT DIVISION

- a) The Select Division shall work:
 - i) to enhance the quality of select baseball for the youth of Ontario while stressing the values of sportsmanship, athleticism, teamwork and fair play; and
 - ii) To foster the “select” philosophy of play, where all eligible team players at a game must play in the game unless removed due to injury or ejection.
- b) The Select Division shall regulate competition throughout the province at the select level, including provincial championships.
- c) Select baseball is defined as the game of baseball played by the amended baseball rules as approved by the Select Council for all sanctioned select tournaments and championships.
- d) A select player shall be defined as:
 - i) playing regularly on a dedicated select team playing in a loop; and/or
 - ii) playing regularly on a dedicated house league team playing in a local community house league;
 - iii) registered as a player by the local community baseball association;
 - iv) agreeing to abide by the Select Constitution and playing rules of sanctioned select events.
- e) The following players are ineligible to play select:
 - i) Rep
 - ii) Elite
 - iii) PBLO
 - iv) from Programs not recognized by Baseball Ontario
- f) No player may be disqualified from playing on a Select Division team for reason of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

S1.02 SELECT MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGABILITY

- a) Membership shall be open to all local community baseball associations within the province, which meet all of the criteria as specified in the Select Constitution and By-Laws.
- b) A club or organization shall be defined as a structured group which provides a recognized baseball program within the guidelines of this Select Constitution and By-Laws. Each request for membership shall be reviewed and approved by the Select Council on an individual basis to ensure that each club and/or association understands the requirements of the Select Division, its Select Playing Rules and the mandate of the Select Council.
- c) Members may also be members of other organizations or associations as long as they do not conflict with the mission and objectives of the Select Division.
- d) Members shall be in good standing with: i) all fees paid in full by July 1st of the current playing season; ii) all fines paid prior to the Select AGM.
- e) All team player rosters of member associations in good standing must be submitted by July 1st, failure to comply will result in a fine of \$50.00 per team.
- f) Member community baseball associations shall designate a delegate and an alternate who will represent them at meetings of members.
- g) Names of the delegate and alternate shall be submitted to the OBA Office. They must be received on the letterhead of the local community association, and shall be in effect until an alternate appointment or resignation is received, from the club or association, by the Select Division.
- h) Both the delegate and the alternate must be 18 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year.

S1.03 SELECT COUNCIL STRUCTURE

S1.03.1 SELECT COUNCIL

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

S1.03.2 SELECT TERMS OF OFFICE

- a) All terms for elected positions on Select Council shall be for two (2) years, except the Select Commissioner and the Vice Commissioner which are elected annually.
- b) Elected positions and terms of office shall be staggered so that five (5) positions on the Select Council shall come open each year.
- c) Vacancies filled by appointment will serve out the elected incumbent's term of office or until the next election whichever comes first.
- d) Operational Committee and other Committee appointments shall be for a term not to exceed one year from date of appointment or as specified by the Select Council.
- e) Any member of the Select Council who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the Select Council are satisfactory, shall have their voting rights forfeited. After two (2) consecutive absences the member in question will be notified. After three (3) consecutive absences their Select Council position may be rescinded subject to a vote by the Select Council.

S1.03.3 SELECT VOTING

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

S1.03.4 SELECT ELECTIONS

- a) Nominations and elections for Select Council shall be conducted at the Select Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Immediate Past Select Commissioner or designate of the Select Council will be responsible for determining a list of individuals indicating a willingness to stand for office.

- c) The Immediate Past Select Commissioner or designate will be responsible for conducting elections at the Select Annual General Meeting with the assistance of individuals that are not standing for office.
- d) All nominees must be an accredited delegate or alternate of a member's association and must either be present in person or have provided a written consent to stand to be filed by the nominator.
- e) No member shall hold more than one elected Operational position of the Select Council at any one time
- f) Elections for Select Council will be conducted by ballot.
- g) The 3 Select Directors on the Board of Management shall be elected and the Baseball Ontario AGM in accordance with sections 1.04 a) i) 1) and 1.06 f) of the OBA Constitution and By-laws.

S1.03.5 SELECT LIFE MEMBERS

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

S1.04 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a) The Select Council shall be responsible for the overall direction of the Select Division
- b) The Select Council shall approve all policies of the Select Division.
- c) The duties and responsibilities of the Operational Committee are as follows:

Select Immediate Past Commissioner

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

Select Commissioner

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

Select Vice Commissioner

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

Select Budget Chair

The Select Budget Chair shall:

1. be responsible for all financial affairs of the Select Division;
2. be the chair of the Financial Committee;
3. ensure the proper financial procedures are in place;

4. ensure that proper records are kept and circulated appropriately; and
 5. fulfill the duties outlined for the Select Budget Chair in Select Division policies.
- d) Select Council Past Presidents will have all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a select Past Commissioner

S1.05 MEETINGS

S1.05.1 SELECT ANNUAL MEETING

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

S1.05.2 SELECT COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

S1.05.3 SELECT SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The Chair must call a Select Special General Meeting when:
 - j) requested to do so by a majority of the members of the Select Council;
 - ii) requested to do so in writing by 25% of the members of the Select Division;
 - iii) matters or events, in his discretion, warrant the meeting.
- b) Adequate notice shall be given to all Select Members of the time and place of the Select Special General Meeting (no less than 30 days prior to the meeting).

S1.06 AMENDMENTS

- a) Articles of the Select Constitution and By-Laws may only be amended at the Select Annual General Meeting or a Select Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- b) Select Members desiring to amend the Select Constitution and By-Laws shall submit such amendment(s) in writing, signed by the proponents to the OBA Office by October 25th.

c) Amendments must be approved by a $2/3$ majority of the votes cast by voting members present.

Select Division Provincial Tournament Rules and Regulations

Double knock out tournament

The Select Provincial Championship Tournament is a double knockout format. As such all games must have a winner, and extra innings may be played past their inning or time curfews to establish a winner as required.

Please note: there are specific rules applying to 9U (Rookie Ball) play as well as these general tournament rules applying to all OBA Select Division Provincial Tournament participants.

Byes are to be awarded as follows:

- i. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
- ii. No team shall receive second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
- iii. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
- iv. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.

Baseball Ontario Select Division shall appoint an OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor for all Provincial Championships. Hosts shall provide a Site Convenor for each diamond being used by the tournament. The Site Convenors will remain in contact with the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor for all results, updates, and challenges of the course of the tournament.

Eligibility

- i. Only Select rostered teams are eligible to participate in Provincials
- ii. Teams must be from member associations that have both paid their membership by the July 1st deadline & that the association has also submitted a roster for all of their select teams by the same July 1st date. Only players listed on the July 1st roster are eligible for the Select Division Provincials championship. Provincial Chair may consider requests for exceptions.

Time Between Games

Teams should be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played until the start of their next game. Teams must be given 60 minutes between their second & third game of the day. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30-minute period.

1. Official Rules

- 1.1 The playing rules for all scheduled games within the OBA Select Division Provincial Championship shall be the "Official Rules of Baseball" - Except as detailed below.
- 1.2 OBA Select Division Provincial Tournament Rules cannot be changed or amended without approval of the OBA Select Division Provincial Chair.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 An OBA carded player, playing regularly for his OBA registered team as defined by the member association, is not eligible.
- 2.2 A player on an Elite team is not eligible.

- 2.3 All roster players must have OBA insurance; this applies to all team entries.
- 2.4 (A) Teams must be from member associations that have both paid their membership by the July 1st deadline & that the association has also submitted roster for all of their select teams by the same July 1st date. Only players listed on the July 1st roster are eligible for the Provincials Championship. Provincial Chair may consider request for exceptions.
 (B) Recognized Select Loops with a direct entry to Provincials must have paid their membership, provided a complete list of all teams by division playing in loop, as well as making payment for all division playoffs by July 1st.
- 2.5 At 18U (Midget) only, 3 15U (Bantam) call-ups will be eligible to play but cannot pitch.
- 2.6 50% of the players on the roster must live in the Associations boundaries. If you wish to be eligible to participate in the OBA Select Division Provincials and your team does not meet this 50% rule you can request an exception to this rule. The request for an exception will be considered by the OBA Select Council when you fully complete the Request for Exception Form which can be found on the Baseball Ontario website under Select. Once completed, the form and team roster are to be sent to the Select Division Registrar
- 2.7 *Where a player of a younger age is rostered with a team at an older age category, such player shall be considered a player of the older age series at which he is rosters and not eligible to play with a younger ages team*

3. Team Roster

- 3.1 All select team head coaches at all division levels are required to have completed all five (5) levels of the Rep 9U (Rookie Ball) Coaching requirements and all assistant coaches will be required to have taken the #1 Initiation Online Module. There are 5 modules required as listed below:
1. Coach initiation in Sport/Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) (2-part online module)
 2. Initiation Clinic
 3. Teaching & Learning Clinic
 4. Infielding Clinic
 5. Hitting Clinic
- Coaches that do not meet the coaching certification requirement by the July 1st roster cut-off will be granted until August 15th to complete any deficiencies so that they may be added to the roster. Otherwise, they are ineligible to coach in the Provincial Championships.
- 3.2 All teams should register with the onsite convenor at least ONE HOUR prior to their first game.
- 3.3 A copy of the team roster listing all players, coaches and including sweater numbers must be presented to the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor at the time of registration.
- 3.4 A copy of each player's government issued documentation that identifies proof of birthdate must be available.
- 3.5 There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 rostered coaches on the bench. However, there will be a limit of 18 awards per team.
- 3.6 21U (Junior) players are required to provide proof of age using government issued photo identification. i.e. divers licence, photo health card, etc.
- 3.7 Age Limitations - *The 2019 levels are as follows,*

2010 (or younger)	9U (Rookie Ball)	2004 – 2005	15U (Bantam)
2008 – 2009	11U (Mosquito/Tyke)	2001 – 2003	18U (Midget)
2006 – 2007	13U (Peewee)	1998 – 2000	21U (Junior)

Where the association/club permits it, female players will be allowed to play one-year overage in all divisions. See section 4 – Female Players

- 3.8 The home team will supply the official scorekeeper and a pitch count tracker if one is not supplied by the tournament officials. Prior to the start of each game, a player line-up with the sweater numbers along with

first and last names listed must be provided to the home plate umpire, scorekeeper & Pitch count recorder, and exchanged with the opposing team.

- 3.9 The official scorekeeper supplied by the home team must turn in the game score sheet (white copy) & the pitching count sheet (pitches checked off by individual pitch) to the on-site convenor at the end of the game.
- 3.10 Any player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has completed 2 innings.
- 3.11 All eligible players present at the game shall be listed on the team's line-up card and must play a minimum of two complete innings in a defensive position within the first four innings, unless injured during that game. Any exception to this rule must be brought to the attention of the convenor, umpire, and opposing team while the violation is eligible to be enforced. (PENALTY – the game is a forfeit and the manager/coach suspended for the remainder of the game plus next game.) Exception: in the event a mercy has occurred after 3½ innings and the home team has players who have not completed the second of their two full defensive innings, this will not be considered an infraction.
- 3.12 No player will be listed on the game line-up if that player is unable to play a defensive position. All players listed on the line-up sheet will bat. Players listed on the official score sheet and official pitch tracking sheet must have first and last names as well as a sweater number (PENALTY – manager/coach suspended for the remainder of the game plus next game).
- 3.13 All players will bat in the order as presented to the umpire and the official scorekeeper prior to the start of each game,
- 3.14 Clarification of “injured during that game.” Any player leaving the field due to an injury must remain out of the game for at least a complete defensive inning before re-entering the game in a defensive position. A player unable to take their turn at bat, after having been removed from the field due to an injury, will be removed from the line-up and further play in the game (this is not an out nor is it considered batting out of a turn). If the team no longer has a minimum of 9 players, the game is a forfeit.
- 3.15 A batter or runner may not have a pinch runner unless injured during their turn as a batter or runner. The designated pinch runner will be the last recorded out. If this occurs before any outs, then the designated pinch runner will be the last player in the line-up.

4. Female Players

- 4.1 A female may, but is not required to, register with both a Girls Baseball team and a non-Girls Baseball team, 13U (Peewee) division & up.
- 4.2 Female athletes have the option of playing one-year overage in all divisions.
- 4.3 OBA carded female players are allowed to participate on a Select team.
- 4.4 PSWA (provincial Women's Softball Associations) carded players are eligible to participate on a Select team.

5. Pitching Rules

- 5.1 Any player rostered to play in a higher series shall be eligible to use the pitching rules of the series in which the athlete is rostered.
- 5.2 In 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) games the number of trips to the mound by a manager/coach shall not be limited except where the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- 5.3 In 13U (Peewee) games, a third trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.
- 5.4 In 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) & 13U (Peewee) games, a pitcher once removed from the pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may continue in the game at another position *other than catcher* and shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- 5.5 In 15U (Bantam) and up games, a second trip to the mound by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the

same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

Pitch Count Limitations

- 5.6 A pitcher may not pitch more than the following limits in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of: (i) the completion of the batter or (ii) the end of the inning

11U (Mosquito/Tyke)	70 pitches
13U (Peewee)	80 pitches
15U (Bantam)	90 pitches
18U (Midget) & 21U (Junior)	100 pitches

- 5.7 If the pitcher throws more than the following limits in a calendar day, he/she cannot pitch the next day – the player must have 2 night rest

11U (Mosquito/Tyke)	45 pitches
13U (Peewee)	55 pitches
15U (Bantam)	65 pitches
18U (Midget) & 21U (Junior)	75 pitches

- 5.8 Where the team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the following limits during a game, or combination of games, the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day. Pitchers can still throw the designated maximum pitch count in a day so long as the aforementioned multi games in a day limits have not been exceeded:

11U (Mosquito/Tyke)	45 pitches
13U (Peewee)	55 pitches
15U (Bantam)	65 pitches
18U (Midget) & 21U (Junior)	75 pitches

- 5.9 (A) At the 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) division, Balks are not to be called. Should a pitcher balk, (e.g. double set or not pause) umpires will indicate such infractions to the coach between innings.

(B) At the 13U (Peewee) division, umpires will be advised by the tournament director to 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.

- 5.10 No balk warnings will be issued at 15U (Bantam) and up.

- 5.11 If a balk is called, but the pitcher throws the ball it will count as a pitch thrown, even if it is not counted as a pitch for ball/strike purposes.

- 5.12 The Official pitch count recorder 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: Failure by the Official pitch count recorder to inform the plate umpire that a pitcher has reached their limit of pitches for the game, shall not result in forfeit. It is still the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is not longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or the umpire fail to notify the manager.

- 5.13 If a team had not remaining eligible players to pitch in a game the opposing coach may designate a player

- who has not yet pitched in the game. This pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches.
- 5.14 Illegal pitching applies for (i) and (ii) below
- (i) At 11U (Mosquito/Tyke), 13U (Peewee), and 15U (Bantam) a pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive days.
 - (ii) At 18U (Midget), pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive days unless:
 - a) The pitcher threw 30 pitched or less on each of the first two days
 - b) The maximum number of pitches which may be thrown in the 3rd day is 50
 - (iii) At 21U (Junior) there is no restriction on pitchers pitching on 3 consecutive days.
- 5.15 Illegal Pitching PENALTY – where a player throws more pitched than is permitted under rule 5.6, or pitches with out the mandated rest requirements under rule 5.7 or 5.8, or pitches 3 consecutive days in violation of rule 5.14, the players team shall forfeit the game. A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach’s indefinite suspension.
- 5.16 At 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) and 13U (Peewee), a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game. (PENALTY – the player’s team shall forfeit the game. A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach’s indefinite suspension.)
- 5.17 At 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) division, leadoffs are not allowed. A base runner will not leave the base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher’s hand. (PENALTY – the runner is out and the ball is dead immediately when the runner leaves the base.)
- 5.18 In the case where a game is suspended for what ever reason, on one day & resumed on a second day, pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown (i.e. both parts of the game shall be considered on separate days). Where weather or other reasons case the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of delay can count towards the nights’ rest required under 5.7 & can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under 5.14.
- 5.19 Substitutions are only allowed at the end of an inning except for an injured player or pitching change. Mid inning pitcher changes may be made from on field position players or players from the bench who commenced the inning on the bench. Substitutions for a player to warm up to pitch and be re-inserted in the same inning is not allowed.
- 5.20

6. Curfew

- 6.1 The number of innings in a complete game will be seven for 11U (Mosquito/Tyke)-21U (Junior). An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning that has occurred.
- 6.2 No New Inning will start after one and three quarter (1¾) hours from the first pitch. At the 15U (Bantam)-21U (Junior) levels, no new inning will start after 2 hours from the first pitch. However, if a new inning starts prior to the time curfew, the inning must be completed. Exception: If the visiting team in unable to tie or go ahead of the home team after having played the top half of an inning that extended beyond the curfew, then the came is considered complete and the home team does not go to bat as they have already won the game.
- 6.3 The official start time is to be determined by the umpire and reported to the official game scorekeeper.
- 6.4 The Championship game(s) are not subject to the time curfew limits and will be full games to determine a winner except where the mercy rule is applicable
- 6.5 In the event of a delay during tournament play due to rain or darkness and prior to that game becoming official (3½ or 4 innings. See Mercy Rule below), the game will be suspended and the curfew clock stops. The clock will resume at the recommencement of play.
- 6.6 The game will be resumed from the point of suspension for the balance of the time available. The defensive team must resume their exact position on the field.
- 6.7 The scheduled starting time may be at the discretion of the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor.

7. Mercy Rule

- 7.1 If the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs after three and a half innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner.
- 7.2 If the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs after four or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner.
- 7.3 A game forfeit will be declared and a score of 7-0 will be recorded if the team is unable to field a team of 9 players at the scheduled starting time, or at any point during the game.
- 7.4 Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team.

8. General

- 8.1 At the beginning of each game, the home and visiting team designation will be decided by a coin toss. The team coming the greater distance will make the call.
- 8.2 All players and coaches will be dressing in a baseball team uniform as issued by their home association; minimum coach's uniform being long pants, and association issued golf shirt or t-shirt with a number and a cap (Association logo or name must be identifiable). No sandals are permitted on the diamond.
- 8.3 Metal cleats will be allowed from 15U (Bantam)-21U (Junior) levels only.
- 8.4 18U (Midget) & 21U (Junior) levels will use wood or wood composite bats only. In 15U (Bantam) minus 5 aluminum bats are allowed. Bat Barrels are limited to 2¾ inches. No other restrictions are in effect.
- 8.5 No smoking or use of tobacco products, alcohol, or non-prescription drug is permitted on the playing field, in the dug outs, or in the immediate vicinity of the dugouts (this applies to coaches, players & umpires). City smoking bylaws must be obeyed.
- (i) Players, coaches & umpires in uniform must refrain from using any tobacco products during all games.
 - (ii) Players, coaches & umpires in uniform must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs other than over the counter or doctor prescribed medications.
 - (iii) PENALTY for (i) and (ii) will be immediate ejection for players or coaches and may result in loss of accreditation for umpires.
- 8.6 Protests: Any protest once a game has started, the requires the Convenors intervention, will be settled on the field at the time the problem occurs. *There will be a protest fee of \$75.00*, paid in cash, to be lodged with the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor before the protest may be heard. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. *Judgement calls by the umpires cannot be protested.* Game delays due to protests do not invalidate the curfew rule (the clock keeps ticking).
- 8.7 The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor has the ultimate authority relating to any matter that requires a ruling or clarification.
- 8.8 Ejections: Each manager and head coach is responsible for the behaviour of all players, coaches, and spectators with their team. *Should* al present, roster listed coaches be ejected, the game will be forfeited (if this occurs, refer to rule 7.3)
- 8.9 In the event a player or coach is ejected from a game, the individual must leave the diamond and no longer be involved in that game. The player, coach, or manager ejected from the game is suspended for the next scheduled game.
- 8.10 The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor will review all ejections for possible additional suspensions. These additional suspensions will be advised within 20 minutes of the completion of the game of the ejection. However, it is the responsibility of the head coach to find out about the possible increased suspensions of any suspended coaches or players.
- 8.11 The umpire of the game where an ejection occurs, shall report verbally to the convenor immediately after the game ends (or is suspended) and files an ejection report with the OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor of the tournament within 2 days (or the umpire is suspended).

- 8.12 The OBA Select Division On-Site Convenor reserves the right to alter and/or revise any start times necessary to ensure completion of the games.
- 8.13 No infield warm-up will be allowed. All pre-game warm-ups may take place on the outfield grass (if available) or at other safe and appropriate locations.
- 8.14 Substitutions are only allowed at the end of an inning except for an injured player or pitching change. Substitution for a player to warm up to pitch and be re-inserted in the same inning is not allowed.
- 8.15 All catchers are required to wear full catcher's equipment and catcher's mitt during the game and warm-ups in all divisions. In 9U (Rookie Ball) the use of a catcher's mitt is optional.
- 8.16 Coaches or players warming up pitchers either on the field between innings or in the 'bull pen' must wear a protective mask.
- 8.17 It is mandatory that all players wear a protective athletic support.
- 8.18 The batter shall wear a protective helmet while on deck, at bat, or sunning the bases. The helmet may not be removed until the batter is retired, has crossed home plate and left the field of play or the half inning has been completed. Should the batter/runner remove the helmet before leaving the field while the ball is in play, they will be declared out.
- 8.19 At 15U (Bantam) – 21U (Junior) levels, batting helmet chin straps are optional.
- 8.20 Teams should be given a minimum of 20 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played until the start of their next game. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the required game interval. *Teams must be given 60 minutes between their 2nd and 3rd games in one day.*
- 8.21 No team may play more than 3 games in a calendar day without its written consent. A suspended game shall count as a game played on both the day it commences and the day it is completed if 3 or more innings have been played each day. If less than 3 innings are played on the day it is completed, it will not count as a game played on that day. Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team

8.22 **Diamond Layout**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Base Distances</u>	<u>Pitching Rubber Distances</u>
9U (Rookie Ball)	65 feet	44 feet
11U (Mosquito/Tyke)	65 feet	44 feet
13U (Peewee)	70 feet	50 feet
15U (Bantam)	90 feet	60 feet 6 inches (mound required)
18U (Midget) & up	90 feet	60 feet 6 inches (mound required)

- 8.23 OBA Select Division, hosting Baseball Associations and the host cities will not accept responsibility for accidents, injuries or loss during this tournament.
- 8.24 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) teams entering this tournament should note the following rules:
 - (i) A batter can run on a dropped third strike.
 - (ii) The infield fly rule will apply.
 - (iii) Balks will not be called. (see 5.9)
 - (iv) 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) teams are not allowed leadoffs. (see 5.17)
- 8.25 Bat boys / girls are not permitted
- 8.26 Umpires must be OBA certified and in good standing.

9U (Rookie Ball) Specific Rules

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

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

RK 1 9U (Rookie Ball) Pitching Rules:

- RK 1.1 A Circle; 8 feet in diameter with its center at 44 feet from the home plate, will surround the pitching machine. The pitcher must stand beside the pitching machine outside the safety circle and behind the release point of the pitching machine. Lines should be drawn from the release point to 4 ft. beyond the circle. The pitcher must have both feet on the white line or within 4 ft. behind the line until the ball is release from the machine.
- RK 1.2 The machine speed will be set at 40 mph. A coach will operate the machine. A regulation baseball approved for 11U (Mosquito/Tyke) will be used.
- RK 1.3 If a batted ball hits the machine, the ball is dead; the batter is awarded first base and any base runner is moved who is forced to advance by the batter being awarded first base.
- RK 1.4 The pitcher must stand beside or behind the pitching machine outside the safety circle. The pitcher must wear a regulation bating helmet designed by the manufacturer with a face mask and chin strap attached to protect from an errant ball that hits the machine.
- RK 1.5 Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 hittable pitches. If the batter does not hit a fair ball with in 5 pitches, he will be declared out. If the batter has two strikes and misses the third strike, he will be declared out. A foul tip with two strikes will be a third strike and if the ball is caught the batter will be declared out.
- RK 1.6 A strike is a pitch which the batter swings at and misses or is a foul ball. There are no called strikes.
- RK 1.7 A pitch which is over the batter's head or bounces in the dirt will be ruled a "no pitch" unless the batter swings at the pitch.
- RK 1.8 Batters can not obtain a base on balls.
- RK 1.9 To stop defensive play, any infielder who has control of the ball and is standing with in the understood boundaries of the infield, can ask for time to be called. Note: the call does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infield may ask for time. Time will be granted at the umpire's discretion and may not be not be granted if a baseball play is underway.

RK 2 9U (Rookie Ball) Play

- RK 2.1 The number of the innings in a complete game will be 7 for 9U (Rookie Ball). An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning that has occurred.
- RK 2.2 All players present shall be listed on the teams batting line-up and shall bat in that order. Any player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has complete two innings. (PENALTY – the game is a forfeit and the manager/coach suspended for the remainder of the game plus next game.)
- RK 2.3 A game forfeit will be declared and a score of 7 – 0 will be recoded if a team is unable to field a team of 9 players at the scheduled starting time, or at any time of the game.
- RK 2.4 Bunting is not permitted. Batter will be declared out.
- RK 2.5 Stealing is not permitted. Runner will be declared out.
- RK 2.6 Runners may not lead-off until the ball is hit. Runner will be declared out.
- RK 2.7 Base runners may only advance on a ball which is hit in fair territory or a foul ball caught in play. Usual rules apply about tagging up before advancing and at their own risk would apply to caught foul balls. Base runners may not advance on a passed ball or a pitched ball returned to the pitcher by the catcher.

- RK 2.8 An inning will end when three outs are made.
- RK 2.9 The infield out does not apply.
- RK 2.10 All catchers are required to wear full catcher's equipment during the game and during warm-ups. Use of a catcher's mitt is optional.
- RK 2.11 A defensive coach may call one infield conference per inning.
- RK 2.12 MERCY: If the home team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 3½ innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner. If the visiting team is ahead by 15 or more runs after 4 or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner.
- RK 2.13 No player may enter the circle surrounding the pitching machine in an attempt to field the ball. This will be a dead ball and all runners & the batter will be awarded one base.
- RK 2.14 The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct the batter before feeding the machine, but shall not instruct runners during the play (PENALTY – the coach shall be warned. If the action continues, the coach will be ejected from the game.)
- RK 2.15 The coach operating the machine is required to wear a baseball helmet. For the purposes of this rule, a skull cap is considered a baseball helmet. (PENALTY – the team will be warned once to wear a helmet. The second violation or refusal to wear the helmet will result in the coach being ejected.)