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1.0 EASTERN ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

1.1 ARTICLE I - EASTERN ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The name of this organization shall be "The Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (1982) Incorporated, or Eastern Ontario Baseball Association, or Eastern Ontario Baseball, or EOBA".

1.2 ARTICLE II - OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 1.2.1 To foster and improve baseball within the boundaries of the EOBA.
- 1.2.2 To protect and promote the mutual interests of the members.
- 1.2.3 To institute and regulate competition for the EOBA league play and to determine representatives to Ontario Championships.
- 1.2.4 To institute and regulate competition for determining an Eastern Ontario Baseball Association representative(s) for the Ontario Summer Games, Canada Summer Games, and National Tournaments whenever required.

1.3 ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION BOUNDARY

1.3.1 Eastern Ontario Baseball Association

The territory governed by the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and approved by the Ontario Baseball Association shall begin at Lake Ontario and the Rouge River, north along the Rouge River to Highway 2; thence east along Highway 2 including the Towns of Pickering, Ajax and Whitby to Region of Durham Road 23; thence north along Durham Road 23 to Highway 48; thence north and

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

1.3.2 Member Associations

1.3.2.1 All member associations shall file with the Secretary of the EOBA a description of the local association boundaries prior to April 1st of each year. Approval of the boundaries shall be obtained from the EOBA Executive prior to submission to the Secretary.

1.3.2.2 The status of all Associations affiliated with the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association is defined as territorial rights. The boundaries of each having been approved by the EOBA Executive. Any new Association(s) which do not conflict with any established Association, who desire to affiliate with the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and Ontario Baseball Association must first be approved by the EOBA Executive.

1.3.2.3 All applications for Direct Entry must be approved by the Executive or Sub-Committee before being accepted.

1.3.2.4 The Executive shall have the power to mediate boundary disputes and recommend changes to Association boundaries where such changes are deemed to be in the best interest of baseball.

1.4 ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1.4.1 Membership

The Eastern Ontario Baseball Association shall be composed of such Baseball Associations and Clubs, as members, who shall agree to abide by and comply with the Constitution and By-laws and Rules of the EOBA and of the Ontario Baseball Association.

1.4.2 Direct Entries

The Executive shall have the power to accept individual Clubs (Direct Entries) where they are unable to secure grouping in any other affiliated Association.

1.5 ARTICLE V - TEAMS

1.5.1 Team Eligibility

To be eligible for EOBA League and/or Playoff Competition, teams must represent a centre within the boundaries of the EOBA or be a direct entry (with proper releases if required) and must be made up of players who qualify under the OBA Residence Rule (P1-3).

1.5.2 Player Eligibility

To be eligible all players must qualify under the OBA Residence Rule. Former professional baseball players who have been reinstated by the EOBA and by the OBA and athletes who are classified as professionals in other branches of sport are eligible.

The EOBA will follow the definition of “playing season” of Baseball Ontario.

1.5.3 Reinstatements

1.5.3.1 A player shall be considered to have turned Professional when he plays his first game, either exhibition or league with a professional club.

1.5.3.2 Any player signed by a professional baseball club of the National or American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, or of the National Association of Professional

Baseball Leagues, who has received his unconditional release or has been placed on the Voluntary Retired List by said Professional Club before June 15th of the playing season shall become eligible for reinstatement to play in the EOBA immediately when he returns to his Home Town, or to the Club he left to turn professional or he may play with any other Club providing he qualifies under the OBA Residence Rule.

1.5.3.3 All applications for reinstatement must be accompanied by a letter from the Office of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, 225 Fourth Street S., P.O. Box A, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731 or a copy of the release from the applicable professional organization.

1.5.3.4 The release or voluntary retirement must accompany any application for reinstatement.

1.6 ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE

1.6.1 Officers

1.6.1.1 Management of the EOBA shall be handled by the EOBA Board of Directors. The member of the Board of Directors shall be the Charter Members, the Life Members, the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President, Six elected Directors and the Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar, (who may be 1, 2 or 3 distinct persons but the Treasurer and Registrar MAY NOT be the same person). The President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually to a maximum of three successive terms. The six elected Directors and the Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar shall be elected annually.

1.6.1.2 The Charter Members, the Life Members and the Immediate Past President shall have the power to vote at all meetings of the Association.

1.6.1.3 Life Membership can only be conferred on the recommendation of the Executive for long continuous and faithful service to the

Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and where a definite desire exists to retain their active service with an official status. The total number of Life Members that the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association may have at any one time shall not exceed four.

Future Life Members of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association are to be selected from the Honorary Members, or those Past Presidents deemed to be active in accordance with Section 1.6.1.4

- 1.6.1.4 Past Presidents shall have the rights of a delegate at Annual and Special General meetings, including the right to vote.

Past Presidents, if deemed to be active by the Executive, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Executive, and Annual and Special General meetings of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association.

- 1.6.1.5 Honorary Membership of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association may be conferred by the Executive for outstanding continuous and meritorious service to the Association. An Honorary Member will be welcomed at all meetings of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association, but shall not have the right to vote, except at Annual or Special General meetings.

- 1.6.1.6 Each Association entering three (3) or more teams may nominate a member and an alternate member to the Executive.

- 1.6.1.7 The Associations' Nominee shall be entitled to speak and vote at all meetings of the EOBA as the Association's Appointee. The term of any Appointee shall be from December 1st until the following November 31st.

- 1.6.1.8 The Associations' Alternate Nominee shall be entitled to speak at all meetings of the EOBA. The Associations' Alternate Appointee shall be entitled to speak and vote at any meetings of the EOBA when the Association's Appointee is not present. The term of any Alternate Appointee shall be from December 1st until the following November 31st.

- 1.6.1.9 The Executive may make additional appointments in order to fill required non-voting positions.

1.6.2 The Executive Committee

- 1.6.2.1 The Executive shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Association and the Affiliated Associations' Appointees. In addition, the President may appoint, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, up to four (4) additional voting members to the Executive Committee.

- 1.6.2.2 The Executive shall have control of the affairs of the EOBA and shall have power to fill vacancies which may occur in its number subject to the provisions for appointments to the Executive as already laid down in paragraph 1.6.1.1 and to amend or alter the regulations of the Championship competitions, to issue or revoke certificates of players whose residence has changed and to deal with such cases, and shall appoint Series Commissioners to co-ordinate the operation of each League (ie. co-ordinating preparations of a schedule, conducting playoffs, etc.). The Executive shall also have the power to deal with cases which are not otherwise provided for or covered in the Constitution and By-Laws of the EOBA and of the OBA.

- 1.6.2.3 The Executive shall meet once a month, or hold conference calls, when business warrants. A quorum for Executive meetings shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members of the Executive, two (2) of whom must be elected members of the Board of Directors (Officers or elected Directors).

- 1.6.2.4 All Executive Members shall be responsible for notifying the Secretary of the EOBA, 24 hours prior to a scheduled Executive Meeting, of his/her inability to attend and reasons thereto.

- 1.6.2.5 Any elected Executive or Association Appointee who fails to attend three (3) consecutive monthly business meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the Full Executive are satisfactory, shall have automatically tendered his resignation. After two (2) consecutive misses, the offending

member shall be so notified by the Secretary of the EOBA. Upon the offending member's inability to attend a third consecutive meeting with-out valid reasons, the Executive of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association may appoint a replacement.

If the offending member was an Association Appointee, that Association may be requested to appoint, the replacement but must notify the Secretary of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association within three weeks.

An offending member of this rule shall not be allowed to succeed himself/herself.

Replacement of absentee Appointees for voting reasons shall not be permitted after the first day of September in the current year.

1.6.3 Sub-Committees

1.6.3.1 A Sub-committee of four (4) or more (three to constitute a quorum), shall be appointed by the President, he being an ex-officio member of each Sub-Committee. The duties of such committee or committees shall be to consider matters of reinstatement, suspension, protests or matters which might otherwise be dealt with by the Executive and generally to act on behalf of the Executive. When any unusual situation arises the sub-committee may, if it so desires, defer to the Executive for further consideration. Decisions of the Sub-committee, with the exception of the decisions of a Protest Committee may be appealed and then dealt with by the Executive at its next regular meeting, except in cases which, in the opinion of the President, are of such emergency as to require a special Executive Meeting to be called.

1.6.3.2 A Sub-Committee shall meet from time to time as the need arises or as directed by the President or Executive.

1.6.3.3 A sub-committee comprised of Past Presidents shall be appointed annually. The duties of the committee shall be to act upon request, in an advisory capacity to the President, to the Executive or to a sub-committee.

1.6.4 Nominations for Officers and Directors

Officers and Directors shall be nominated (in writing) by an Association or Club in good standing and operating the previous year, or by a current Member of the Executive of the EOBA. The nomination must be in the hands of the EOBA Secretary no later than midnight of the first day of October prior to the date of the EOBA Annual Meeting. In order for a name to remain on the ballot, a nominee must so request at the Annual Meeting in person or must have indicated to the Secretary in writing prior to the election.

1.6.5 Any member of the EOBA Executive, as outlined in 1.6.2.1, may be removed from office for conduct detrimental to the EOBA, at a meeting of the EOBA Executive, upon a resolution approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes cast in respect of such resolution. Notice must be given at least 7 calendar days prior to the meeting, to all members of the EOBA Executive, of the intention to bring such a resolution before the meeting.

1.7 ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1.7.1 President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the EOBA Executive with the usual privileges of this office.

1.7.2 Vice-Presidents

The President shall designate, with the approval of the EOBA Executive, one (1) of two (2) Vice Presidents, who can perform the duties of the President, in his or her absence.

1.7.3 Registrar

The Registrar shall be responsible for approving all Team Rosters, reinstatements, and the registration of all Birth Certificates in accordance with the guidelines of the Ontario Baseball Association.

1.7.4 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record (Minutes of Meetings) of the proceedings of the EOBA Executive, Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting(s) and any other meeting(s) called by and presided over by the President, a register of all Leagues and Final Standings, a listing of the current executive of each Local Association, and a current listing of all suspensions still in effect.

The Secretary, as directed by the Executive, shall approve all application forms, being submitted by member Associations to the OBA such as but not limited to Coaching Clinic Hosting, Umpire Clinic Hosting, Coach of the Year, Umpire of the Year, Player of the Year, Team of the Year, Tournaments, etc.

1.7.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring all applicable Executive signatures are on file with the Bank, and shall keep an accurate record of all monies of the EOBA. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by an accredited Auditor approved by the Executive.

The Treasurer shall present all vouchers, invoices, bills, etc. in excess of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) to the Executive for approval of payment. The Treasurer shall then issue, upon receipt of Executive approval, a cheque(s), bearing the signature of the Treasurer and President, or designated Vice-President in the absence of the President, as payment.

1.7.6 Honoraria

The Registrar-Secretary-Treasurer shall be paid an annual Honorarium which shall be set annually by the Executive, plus any expenses he/she/they might incur.

The President may be awarded an Honorarium which shall be set annually by the Executive, plus any expenses incurred.

1.8 ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

1.8.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the EOBA shall be held no later than the last weekend of November (the actual date to be set by the Executive). At each Annual Meeting of the EOBA presentations to host the meeting the following or future year(s) shall be received for consideration. The incoming Executive shall decide where the next Annual Meeting shall be held at the first Executive meeting following the Annual General Meeting, or at the earliest possible date.

1.8.2 Special General Meeting

The President may call a Special General Meeting of the EOBA at any time, but must do so at the request of three (3) affiliated member Associations. At all general meetings, fifteen (15) delegates shall form a quorum. Four (4) days notice of such meeting must be given and the reason for such meeting.

1.8.3 Registration Fee

The Local Association selected to host the Annual General Meeting, shall provide to the EOBA Executive, the proposed budget for the Annual General Meeting. The EOBA Executive shall review the budget and approve the necessary registration fee.

1.8.4 Delegates

1.8.4.1 At the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association or any duly called Special General Meeting, the following shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote: the Officers of the Association, the elected Directors of the Association, the Appointees to the Executive Committee made by the President as long as they are in good standing, the local Association's Appointee as long as they are in good standing, each Past President regardless of whether they are 'active' or not, each Life Member, each Charter Member, and each Honorary Member. Individuals qualifying in more than one of the foregoing categories are limited to one vote.

- 1.8.4.2 If the Local Association Appointee and/or Alternative Appointee to the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (EOBA) does not miss more than two (2) of the regularly scheduled EOBA monthly Executive Meetings in that calendar year, that immediately precedes that EOBA Annual General Meeting, that Local Association shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate vote.
- 1.8.4.3 Each Affiliated Association having entered teams in the previous year in at least five (5) series and each of whom are currently in good standing with the EOBA, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote as an Association.
- 1.8.4.4 A Delegate may only vote as a duly appointed representative of the Association or Team or Club through which he is registered .
- 1.8.4.5 For each team that registered with the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and is in good standing, the local Association or Direct Entry is entitled to one (1) delegate vote per team up to a maximum of eighteen (18) such delegate votes.
- 1.8.4.6 No delegate shall be permitted to speak or vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless he shall have filed with the EOBA Secretary, a certificate of his appointment, signed by the Secretary of the Association or Club which he represents or is an Officer or Executive Member of the EOBA or is a representative of an Association or Club in good standing and shall have paid the necessary registration fee approved in Clause 1.8.3.
- 1.8.4.7 An Association or Team or Club must have operated the previous season under the jurisdiction of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association before having the right to voice or vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- 1.8.4.8 No delegate from an Association or Club in arrears to the EOBA in any way, shall be permitted to vote at an Annual Meeting providing notice of said arrears has been given in writing to the Association or Club

one (1) Month prior to the Annual Meeting or Special General Meeting.

1.8.5 Electing Officers and Directors

The EOBA shall, at its Annual Meeting, provide the delegates with a proper form or printed ballot listing the officers and nominations for each. In the case of the Directors of which six (6) are to be elected annually, all voting delegates must mark their ballots for one, two, three, four, five or six of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not counted.

1.9 ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS and ORDER OF BUSINESS

1.9.1 Amendments

1.9.1.1 An amendment or alteration to the Constitution or By-Laws must only be made at an Annual or Special General Meeting and must have a TWO THIRDS MAJORITY of the votes cast in order to carry. A notice of any proposed alteration or amendment must be filed with the Secretary of the EOBA in writing by midnight of the first day of October prior to the date of the EOBA Annual General Meeting and the Secretary shall then forward by mail a copy to each Executive Member and to each Local Association or Club two weeks prior to the date of the EOBA Annual General Meeting.

1.9.1.2 An Amendment may only be proposed by the EOBA Executive, an Executive Member, or by a Club or Association in good standing.

1.9.2 Order of Business - Annual Meeting

1. President's Address
2. Reading of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and any Special Meeting(s) during the year.
3. Correspondence
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Auditor's Report
7. Commissioners' Reports
8. Committee Reports
9. Host Comments and address

- 10. Amendments and Notice of Motion
- 11. Election of Officers and Executive
- 12. General Business*
- 13. Presentation(s) to Host Future Annual Meeting(s).

* General Business may be conducted during the period(s) of time required for the counting of any election ballots.

1.9.3 The Executive Committee has the authority to propose changes to the existing Playing Rules, Policies and Procedures. Such changes may be approved at the Annual General Meeting or during the year and do not have to be made at an Annual General or Special General Meeting. In order to be accepted outside of an Annual General Meeting, such proposed revisions must adhere to the following process. Immediately after the change has been proposed at a scheduled board meeting that change proposal shall be sent to all local affiliate representatives for consultation with their local boards and with each other. If so desired, the local representatives can call a meeting through the secretary and/or 1st VP to discuss the issue in advance of the next regularly scheduled board meeting. They can either accept the proposed change, accept it with revisions, or reject it. If they accept it, the EOBA executive board will be so advised at the next meeting and will consider the change and accept further feedback during the period in between meetings. Barring any new objections, at the next meeting, (the 3rd meeting at which the subject has been discussed) the board will either accept or reject the proposed change by a 2/3rds majority of the votes cast. Once the change has been past, policy changes and/or procedural changes take effect immediately. Playing Rule changes become effective the next playing season unless the Playing Rule change reflects an OBA Playing Rule change or a safety issue.

1.10 ARTICLE X - RULES OF ORDER FOR MEETINGS

1.10.1 Rules of Order

All business meetings of the EOBA shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure.

1.10.2 Regulations for Government of EOBA Meetings

The following are the regulations for the government of the EOBA during the time of business and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:

- 11.10.2.1 NO MOTION shall be received unless properly moved and seconded and said motion shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the Presiding Officer.
- 11.10.2.2 ALL MOTIONS shall be decided by a majority of votes cast in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, all other resolutions and motions shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast. When the Presiding Officer sees fit to exercise his right to vote on any question before the meeting, he shall, from the chair, be at liberty to explain his vote, and any question on which there is an equality of votes in consequence of the Presiding Officer's vote, shall be deemed to be negative.
- 11.10.2.3 No delegate, or attendee to the meeting shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.
- 11.10.2.4 A delegate, or attendee to the meeting desiring to speak or a voting attendee desiring to submit a motion shall rise and remain standing and respectfully address the chair, and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.
- 11.10.2.5 No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment.
- 11.10.2.6 When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table, or amend and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.

- 1.10.2.7 An amendment which entirely changes the subject of the original motion under debate shall not be accepted.
- 1.10.2.8 After the motion has been stated by the Presiding Officer it becomes the property of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association but may be withdrawn at any time prior to the first reading.
- 1.10.2.9 There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the Presiding Officer.
- 1.10.2.10 When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each voting member or delegate holding up his right hand. The Presiding Officer shall declare the vote on all questions and should his declaration be disputed, he may require the delegates voting "yea" or "nay" to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by him.

1.11 ARTICLE XI - GENERAL

The Constitution and By Laws of the EOBA as shown in this book are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the President in any regular or special meeting, with a quorum of the Executive, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement with regard to all of these circumstances or any specific case, any matters pertaining to any or all clauses contained herein and that their decision shall be final.



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2.0 MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

2.1 Membership

2.1.1 Every Baseball Association or Team or Club presently a member of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association or desirous of joining the EOBA shall send to the EOBA Secretary a list of its Officers, a current copy of the Constitution and Association/Club boundaries of such Association or Team or Club immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the respective Association or Team or Club.

2.1.2 All Clubs of any Classification desirous of entering the EOBA playdowns must affiliate through an Association in their area or as a direct entry to the EOBA where there is no EOBA Affiliated Association in that area.

2.1.3 Clubs must register through the Ontario Baseball Association Affiliated Association in which they are playing, provided they have been released by their home Association, and not through the one to which they belong because of territorial rights. There will be no charge for the release of such team.

2.2 Budget and Fees

2.2.1.1 Budget

The Treasurer with the members of the Finance and Audit committee will prepare a proposed budget for the subsequent year to be presented at the last monthly meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. Once approved by the Executive Committee this budget and the supporting fees and fines will be the budget for the next operating year. Changes to that budget would require a 2/3 vote by the incoming Executive Committee.

2.2.1.2 Fees

The Annual Members fees are set by the Executive Committee for the subsequent year of operation. All fees are itemized in appendix x. The Annual Members' fees shall be:

Performance Bond

Performance Bonds are required of each and every team. Separate Bond levels are set for: teams from centres with three or more teams, teams from centres with fewer than three teams, Single Team Entry, and Direct Entry teams (see appendix x).

No later than 14 days prior to the Scheduling Meeting, all Performance Bonds for an Association, single team entry MUST be in the possession of the EOBA prior to the EOBA Secretary approving of team applications, OBA Umpire Clinics, OBA Coaching Clinics, OBA sanctioned open or play-off tournaments, etc.

It is understood and agreed that while a performance bond or any part thereof is being held by the EOBA, that the same shall be invested in trust for the Local Association/Direct Entry, filing the same in the name of the EOBA, and it is understood and agreed that all interest accrued on such investments shall become the property of the EOBA, which funds are to be used by the EOBA at its Board's discretion for the maintenance and care of the EOBA.

Any Performance Bond, or portion of such, deemed inactive by the EOBA Executive, due to a team not being registered under the bond for a period of time, shall be redeemed by the EOBA at the rate of 10% of the amount of the bond for each year that a team is not registered, commencing at the start of the second consecutive year that a team is not registered.

TEAM ENTRY

A Team Entry fee (see appendix x) for each and every team plus the current applicable Baseball Ontario Team Certificate Tax.

A Special Assessment Fee (see appendix x) per Midget Team, shall be assessed and maintained by the Treasurer to provide for participation of EOBA approved High Performance Teams.

All Team Entries shall be in the hands of the Secretary of the EOBA not later than 7 days prior to the scheduling date set for that particular team(s).

Although the Team Entry must be in the hands of the Secretary of the EOBA prior to the scheduling date, the actual Team Entry fees are normally charged to the team/local association subsequent to the scheduling meeting. Should a team withdraw from competition after scheduling but prior to the start of the season, the team/local association will forfeit the team entry fee regardless of whether it has been paid at that time or not. Penalties for withdrawing from competition after the start of the season are addressed under 4.0 – League Playing Rules.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER FEE

(Player in this instance is to be defined as ‘Registered Player’. All Managers/Coaches and other parties listed on the roster shall be charged the insurance fee, only, which is to be determined from year to year.)

An Individual Player Fee (see appendix x), for each and every player.

2.2.3 An Association, Single Entry, or Direct Entry in good standing with the EOBA may request the return of an amount equal to their existing Performance Bond(s) on October 31st.

At or prior to the Annual General Meeting, all Performance Bonds for an Association must be in the possession of the EOBA prior to the EOBA Secretary's approval of applications for OBA Umpire/Coaching Clinics, OBA sanctioned open or play-off tournaments, etc.

2.2.4 All Team Entry Forms, properly completed, along with the required Performance Bond, Team Entry Fee, and applicable Administration Fee must be received by the Secretary of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association seven days before the scheduling for the Junior and Senior Series and the scheduling meeting shall be held no later than the third Sunday of March; for all other Series the same forms and fees must be received by the Secretary of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association no later than seven days prior to the scheduling meeting which shall be held no later than the last Sunday of April. Team entries postmarked, fax dated or courier dated after the respective dates above may be accepted subject to late penalties (see appendix x).

2.2.5 Insurance

All teams/clubs registered with the EOBA shall purchase the OBA Liability and Accident Insurance through the EOBA at a cost to be determined annually by the EOBA Executive, subject to cost adjustments made by the OBA. The cost shall be determined by the EOBA Executive following the establishment of the Insurance fee for the current year, by Baseball Ontario.

Other teams within the boundaries of the EOBA and registered with member Local Associations, may also purchase the OBA insurance plan through the EOBA at the cost noted above.

2.2.6 Other Fees

2.2.6.1 Bank Charges

The current bank charge plus an administration fee (see appendix x) will be assessed for each cheque returned from the bank NSF, or for any bank fee imposed due to a request from a member association or Team/Club.

2.2.6.2 Special Handling Fee

All costs incurred in handling special requests, such as but not limited to overnight courier services, expedited processing of players' certificates, etc., will be assessed back to the requesting Association or Team/Club including an administration fee of 10% of the costs. A minimum cost (see appendix x) plus the 10% administration fee shall apply.

2.2.6.3 Collection Fee

All costs, with a minimum charge (see appendix x), incurred in the collection of outstanding monies, such as fees and fines, due to the EOBA, will be assessed to the member Association or Team/Club. If the costs are not paid within 30 days, they will be recovered from the performance bond and the member Association or Team/Club will have an additional 30 days to replace the monies taken from the bonds or face suspension.

2.3 Player Registration

2.3.1 The names of all players in all Series must appear on an approved Baseball Ontario Team Roster.

2.3.2 All coaches/managers must submit to their Local Registrar their roster (list of players with OBA Number {if returning Rep player}, birth date, address and telephone number, along with legible copies of birth certificates and releases, where required..

2.3.3 Each Local Registrar will update/create rosters for each team through the OBA website. The Local Registrar will submit the roster for approval by the EOBA Registrar. Copies of required birth certificates and releases are to be forwarded to the EOBA Registrar or EOBA Secretary by e-mail or fax. Rosters will not be

approved until birth certificates and releases are received. Copies of EOBA and OBA approved rosters, birth certificates and player releases are filed with the EOBA Registrar.

2.3.4 Upon EOBA Registrar's approval, the Local Registrar will receive notification, through e-mail, that a roster has been approved or rejected. An approved EOBA roster will bear the EOBA logo and date of approval in the bottom right corner of the roster. Should a roster be rejected for any reason by the EOBA Registrar, the Local Registrar will receive notification, by e-mail, and the explanation will be found in the "Notes" section of the on-line roster system through the OBA website.

2.3.5 Upon receipt of EOBA approved rosters, Local Registrars are responsible for distribution to the appropriate coach/manager.

2.3.6 Changes to rosters are made by adding or deleting names shown on the roster through the OBA website by the Local Registrar. The Local Registrar then notifies the EOBA Registrar of the change and the approval process is repeated. The last day for adding or deleting names to a team roster without incurring an administrative fee is June 15. All revised rosters and documents must be submitted prior to the OBA deadline of June 30.

2.3.7 OBA approved rosters are not distributed until mid-July. The EOBA Registrar is notified of OBA approved rosters. The EOBA Registrar notifies the Local Registrar of OBA approved rosters. Again, the Local Registrar is responsible for distribution of OBA approved rosters to the coaches/managers. Note, if coaches planned on attending a coaching clinic and did not attend, the OBA will remove that coach from the roster and said coach will not be allowed on the bench or field for the remainder of the season.

2.3.8 Lost approved Team Rosters can be replaced by the Local Registrar through the OBA website.

2.3.9 The EOBA must forward to the OBA Taxes for ALL players and teams whether they participate in the OBA Play-offs or not. No

player may participate in an OBA sanctioned tournament without his/her name appearing on an approved OBA Team Roster approved by the EOBA Registrar or in the OBA play-offs without his/her name appearing on an OBA approved roster approved by the OBA. The Registrar of the EOBA will at no time approve any Rosters until advised by the EOBA Treasurer that all bonds have been filed, team entries paid, and the team/Local Association is in good standing with the EOBA.

2.3.10 No player shall be added to a Team Roster before September 15th of the preceding year, nor after June 30th of the current playing year.

2.3.11 Players on the roster of one Club must be properly released before being added to a second Team Roster. This clause applies to ALL SERIES. Where a player has been released by his Club, said release must be approved and signed by an official with that authority of the affiliated Local Association of which his Club is a member before such release is valid. Any player added to a new Team Roster to play for another affiliated Club or playing for a non-registered OBA Club before his release from the first Club is signed, may be subject to suspension by the Executive or Sub-Committee.

2.3.12 Any player who has been available to play but has not been played by his Club in three (3) or more consecutive League games has the right to appeal to the EOBA Executive should his/her Local Association refuse to release him/her..

2.3.13 Any previously submitted Team Roster returned by the EOBA Registrar due to errors or omissions must be rectified and resubmitted to the EOBA Registrar no later than June 15th in order to avoid an administrative fee, otherwise the deadline for resubmitting the corrected roster and any associated documents is June 30th.

2.3.14 Only players whose names appear on an approved Team Roster shall be eligible to participate in the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association.

2.3.15 The name and information for an American **Import** Player shall not be approved on any Team Roster in any Series other than Senior.

2.3.16 Team rosters must have twelve (12) players and may have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players. Each team roster must have at least one (1) Manager and /or one (1) or more Coaches, who are all certified in accordance with the requirements of Baseball Ontario and who shall be responsible for the team. If the team roster has less than 12 players, the team may request through their Local Representative on the EOBA Executive to have the roster approved and if the Executive does approve then the Registrar would proceed with the approval process.

2.3.17 When a player or the parent or guardian of a player fails to meet their financial obligations to the EOBA, said player will not be permitted to participate in any team, programme or event sanctioned by the EOBA until such time as the Registrar of the EOBA confirms in writing that the player or the parent or guardian of a player has met his financial responsibility.

2.4 Ages

A player of an age listed below BEFORE January 1st of the current playing year **cannot** play in that series. If the player's birthday falls on January 1st or after, in the current playing year, that player can play in that series.

Jr. Rookie Ball:	Age 8 on Jan 1	(2003)
Sr. Rookie Ball:	Age 9 on Jan 1	(2002)
T-Ball :	Age 8 on Jan 1	(2003)
Minor Mosquito :	Age 10 on Jan 1	(2001)
Mosquito :	Age 11 on Jan 1	(2000)
Peewee Girls :	Age 13 on Jan 1	(1998)
Minor PeeWee :	Age 12 on Jan 1	(1999)
PeeWee :	Age 13 on Jan 1	(1998)
Minor Bantam :	Age 14 on Jan 1	(1997)
Bantam Girls :	Age 14 on Jan 1	(1997)
Bantam :	Age 15 on Jan 1	(1996)
Minor Midget :	Age 16 on Jan 1	(1995)
Midget :	Age 18 on Jan 1	(1993)
Junior :	Age 21 on Jan 1	(1990)
Women's :	Unlimited	
Senior:	Age 21 and over	
Vintage :	Age 35 and over	

2.5 Classification of Clubs

2.5.1 The EOBA in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the OBA shall determine representatives for Annual Competition in the following classifications, where feasible:

Households:		
Series	25,000+	Under 25,000*
Midget :	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Minor Midget :	AAA, AA	
Bantam :	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Bantam Girls:	AAA	
Minor Bantam :	AAA, AA, A	B
Peewee :	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Peewee Girls:	AAA	
Minor Peewee:	AAA, AA, A	B
Mosquito :	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Minor Mosquito :	AAA, AA, A	B
Rookie Ball:	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Minor Rookie Ball	AAA	
Women's:	AAA	
Junior:	A, B, C	
Senior:	AAA, AA, A, B, C	

*When classifications of B, C and D all exist for Households under 25,000, B applies to 25,000-12,001, C applies to 12,000-4001, and D applies to 4000 and under.

- 2.5.1.1 Household numbers are used only to determine categories teams are eligible to participate in. A team at a smaller household category may be classified at the classification applicable to a larger household category, at its request.
- 2.5.1.2 For the purposes of classification, the number of households will be based on Canada Post data, published in January of each year.
- 2.5.1.3 Teams signing players outside of their recognized boundaries shall absorb the households of such players for classification purposes.
- 2.5.1.4 If any Local Association feels it has a circumstance that does not fall under the provisions of 2.5.1.1 to 2.5.1.3, it has the right to appeal to the EOBA.

2.5.2 Team classification shall be determined, on the recommendation of the responsible Commissioner of the respective Series, by the Executive of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association on the basis of competitive merit in accordance with the guidelines of the OBA at the Classification Meeting of the EOBA.

2.5.3 A Team/Club must participate in the EOBA League established for the appropriate Series applicable to the Team/Club to be classified. If by mutual agreement of the EOBA Executive, EOBA Series Commissioner and the other teams of the League, a Team/Club does not participate in the applicable league, then that Team/Club shall be classified the highest possible, AAA for Minor teams or A for Juvenile, Junior and Senior teams. That Team/Club shall assume the worst win-loss record for the League and thereby not be entitled to host any playoff games in a Home and Home Series.

2.5.4 All EOBA team classifications must be in the hands of the Ontario Baseball Association on a date to be determined annually by the Ontario Baseball Association, but no later than the second Saturday before the August Civic Holiday.

2.5.5 The Ontario Baseball Association shall be the final authority, who if it is deemed necessary in the interest of fair competition, may alter or change the nominations as submitted by the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association.

2.5.6 For classification purposes, if a team has not reported the required information (i.e. win/loss record, tournament records, etc.) prior to the classification meeting, they will not be classified.

2.5.7 No player may participate with more than one (1) Team or Club in any one (1) series.

2.6 Players to Qualify under Residence Rule

2.6.1 No player shall compete in any EOBA League or Playoff games who has not been a bona-fide and continuous resident within the boundaries of the local association, indicated on the team registration form to which his Club belongs before June 1st of the baseball season, except in the case of students who

shall be allowed to take up residence until June 30th or players below Senior when a bona-fide move of the family takes place before June 30th.

2.6.2 Players must play within the boundaries of the local association in which he/she resides.

2.6.3 Where a player does not reside within the boundaries of a local Association or Team or Club or Direct Entry, the player shall be eligible to play for any Local Association within the EOBA.

2.7 Players Changing Clubs or Residence

2.7.1 Once a player signs with an Association or Team or Club, he shall remain a member of that Association or Team or Club until he transfers in accordance with the regulations governing transfers as hereinafter set down, (SAID PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS RESIDENT FOR 2 YEARS AND ON MOVING TO ANOTHER ASSOCIATION, MUNICIPALITY OR RURAL DISTRICT), and wishes to continue playing with the Association or Team or Club he last signed for, may do so and will not change the classification of that Team.

Note: The general principle stated above applies also to Cities and Towns which have more than one (1) Association or Team or Club, and in such cases, even though no change in residence is involved the player is not allowed to change Association or Team or Club until he has been transferred in the approved manner as hereinafter set down.

2.7.2 A player wishing to change his Association or Team or Club must first secure a written release from his old Association or Team or Club, signed by the current Executive of that Club/Association. If this release is refused, the player or his parent/guardian can make an appeal to the EOBA for the release to be granted by writing or emailing to the Chair of the EOBA Appeals Committee, copying the EOBA Secretary, asking that he/she be allowed to present the case, in person to the EOBA Appeals Committee. The Association(s) or Team(s) or Club(s) concerned shall have the privilege of representation at the hearing. Releases shall

not be valid until filed with the Secretary of the EOBA and with the Secretary of the OBA.

2.7.3 Once a player has received a release from his present team he shall have the right to play any place in the EOBA.

However, a player may return to the team at his/her place of residence at the beginning of any season without a release. Note: Local Association rules take precedence for the Association.

2.7.4 Where a Local Association or Team/Club grants a player a release, such release is valid and remains in full force and effect so long as the player continues to play for the Local Association or Team/Club with which the player played on the basis of having been granted such release.

2.7.5 In the case of a player under 18 years of age, wishing to change his Association or Team or Club or Residence, he must in addition to the foregoing, secure the written consent of his parent, parents or guardian in order to make such a change.

2.7.6 In the case of all Players 18 years of age and under, if their family makes a legitimate move from one area to another, a release from the Association or Team or Club they were signed to and played with shall not be required. In the case where the parent or guardians do not move, but the player makes a move from one area to another, then a release from the Association or Team or Club that he was signed with and played for the previous or last season shall be required.

2.7.7 A player who has applied for Change of Residence shall not participate in any game or practice until his transfer has been ratified by the EOBA Registrar and by the Secretary of the OBA.

2.7.8 Players wishing to leave the EOBA to play for a team under the jurisdiction of another OBA affiliate must first secure a release from their local association prior to seeking the mandatory release from the EOBA. Such requests for a release from the EOBA will only be considered for players in the Minor

Bantam and older age groups and will be heard by the entire EOBA Executive at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the request is denied, the appeal is to the OBA.

2.8 Players May Advance to Higher Series

2.8.1 A player in any series, Junior and below, shall be allowed to advance and compete with a Club in each higher series in his own Local Association without affecting his status in the series and classification in which he signed. Any player who advances **MUST PLAY** with his **ORIGINAL CLUB** when the Club he advances to and the Club he signed with have games on the same DATE. **NOTE: Any Club KNOWINGLY POSTPONING A GAME** so that a player may advance, will be suspended from the EOBA and the OBA playoffs.

Advancing to participate in a playoff game shall be subject to the eligibility requirements of Clause 2.3.11 of the **EOBA Constitution** and the rules of the League advancing to.

2.8.2 A player may advance as follows: a Rookie may advance only to Mosquito, a Mosquito may only advance to PeeWee, a PeeWee may only advance to Bantam., a Bantam may only advance to Midget.

2.8.3 Players Playing in Alternative Baseball Programs

Any player participating in another recognized (alternative) program shall have the right to sign only with the EOBA Local Association in which he/she resides, or the EOBA Local Association with whom he/she played in the previous season. If the player is not signed by such Local Association, then he/she shall not be entitled to sign with another Local Association unless that said player has been cut and released from the Local Association in which he/she resided.

3.0 SCHEDULING MEETING

3.1 Scheduling Meeting

3.1.1 The scheduling meeting for all teams in the EOBA shall be held not later than the last day of April.

3.1.2 The scheduling meeting shall be for the purposes of preparing schedules in all series, reviewing new rule and constitutional amendments, and determination of play-off format. Each team must have a representative (i.e. Manager or Coach) present to avoid any discrepancies in the schedule.

3.1.3 In Junior and higher Series, where teams may lose players to post-secondary, work, or other commitments prior to the conclusion of all season obligations, teams will be required to declare, by June 30th, their intentions to meet both EOBA and OBA commitments. Once declared, teams failing to meet these commitments will be fined (see appendix x) and the tournament entry fee and suspended accordingly, until the fine and fee have been paid in full.

4.0 LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

4.1 Playing Rules

4.1.1 All games played under the auspices of the EOBA shall be played in accordance with the Official Rules of Baseball or as amended by the Executive of the EOBA or the Executive of the OBA.

4.1.2 Amendments or interpretations to the Official Rules of Baseball or amendments of the OBA or EOBA Executive shall become effective immediately upon publication of the revised Rules of Baseball or adoption by the OBA or EOBA Executive.

4.1.3 For all games played under the auspices of the EOBA the following order shall set precedence for determining the applicable playing rule:

- a) EOBA League Playing Rules or interpretations,
- b) OBA Playing Rules or interpretations,
- c) The Official Rules of Baseball or interpretations.

Under no circumstances shall an EOBA League Playing Rule amend an OBA Playing Rule such that the intent of the OBA rule is lessened.

- 4.1.4 A team whose home Park is suitable for night baseball may play any or all home games under lights.
- 4.1.5 The EOBA shall not recognize any "four point games".
- 4.1.6 Barring extenuating circumstances, all teams must play and properly report at least 90% of its games scheduled prior to the EOBA classification meeting, to be considered for classification purposes, and must play and properly report 90% of its full schedule of games prior to the last day of the season (see Appendix viii) to be eligible to compete in EOBA and OBA play-offs.
- 4.1.7 All rained out games MUST be rescheduled and the date submitted to the Series Commissioner, as directed, within seven (7) days. The home team MUST make the first approach to reschedule. If the two (2) teams fail to agree upon a new date within seven (7) days the Series Commissioner shall then have the right to reschedule the game at his/her discretion.
- 4.1.8 A team defaulting twice by failing to show on two separate scheduled dates in the current playing season shall be suspended immediately. The Team Manager and/or Coaches MUST appear before the EOBA Executive for consideration of reinstatement.
- 4.1.9 Teams failing to fulfil their obligations in EOBA play, as determined by the EOBA Executive, shall relinquish all or part of their Performance Bond to the EOBA.
- 4.1.10 In all EOBA games the period for the Home Team to take batting and fielding practice is up to fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled time of game. The VISITING TEAM's infield practice is for the next ten (10) minutes only. The HOME CLUB shall be required to notify the teams of the termination of their allotted time for the various practises. It shall be the duty of the Manager of the team at practice to order his team to vacate the diamond immediately. When a Club is late, only the remaining time shall be allotted for its practise in accordance with the above.
- 4.1.11 In all EOBA games, the diamond must be properly laid out; the batters' boxes marked; the pitcher's mound properly built up and the playing field kept sufficiently clear of spectators and obstructions for the proper performance of the players.
- 4.2 Special League Rules
- 4.2.1 All special league rules outlined in the following sections shall apply in all Series, in all league games, all non-tournament games to determine league championships and all games to determine the EOBA representative to OBA Championships.
- 4.2.2 The scheduled starting time for all EOBA games, regardless of Series, shall be the time published/posted by the Commissioner, in the printed league schedule, unless altered at the pre-game meeting with umpires and with the agreement of both teams, and the umpires, because of unforeseen circumstances.
- 4.2.3 Unless the score is tied, all regular season, non-tournament league playoffs and OBA determination, in the Rookie Ball, Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee Series shall not exceed seven (7) innings.
- Unless the score is tied, in the Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee Series no new inning shall start after two (2) hours from the scheduled starting time and a ten (10) run mercy rule shall apply after the completion of five (5) or six (6) innings of play.
- In Rookie Ball, the mercy rule shall be twenty (20) runs after four (4) innings and ten (10) runs after the completion of five (5) or six (6) innings of play. In a game, at the two (2) hour curfew and one team winning by ten (10) runs or more, the game is considered an Official game after four (4) innings played or three and one-half (3 ½) innings with the Home Team winnings. Curfew will take precedence over innings played ONLY in Rookie Ball.

- 4.2.4 OBA pitching rules apply to all EOBA games. For reference those rules are replicated in appendix vi.
- 4.2.5 In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito 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, the batting order shall proceed through that player's name without an out being charged to the team. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury or official ejection during the time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the balls and strikes count at the time the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall assume his regular turn at bat.
- 4.2.6 In Minor Peewee, Peewee, Minor Bantam, and Bantam EOBA league games and EOBA Championship games, that do not determine a representative to the OBA championships, 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, the batting order shall proceed through that player's name without an out being charged to the team. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury or official ejection during the time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the balls and strikes count at the time the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall assume his regular turn at bat.
- The option to use this rule must be declared when handing in the batting card to the umpire at the start of the game and once declared, the team cannot change at any time during the game.
- 4.2.7 Unless the score is tied, all games, regular season, non-tournament league play-offs and OBA determination in the Minor Bantam, Bantam, Bantam Girls, Minor Midget, Midget, Junior and Women regular season schedule shall be nine (9) inning games. Unless the score is tied, no new inning shall start after 2½ hours from the scheduled starting time. Also a mercy rule of fifteen (15) runs or more after five (5) innings, or ten (10) runs or more after seven (7) or more complete innings shall apply. In double-headers each game shall be seven (7) innings with a curfew of two (2) hours and a ten (10) run mercy rule shall apply after five (5) or more innings.
- 4.2.8 The team Manager/Head Coach shall be solely responsible to ensure the pitching rule is not violated. For violation of this rule the team Manager/head Coach and pitcher shall be ejected and the team shall be considered to have been playing with an illegal player retroactive to the point of the violation. The non-violating team shall be awarded the game by forfeit.
- 4.2.9 A Junior may not pitch more than 36 outs on a calendar day. If the 36th out occurs during the course of an inning, the pitcher may complete the inning.
- 4.2.10 In Minor Peewee, Peewee, Minor Bantam, Bantam, Bantam Girls, Minor Midget, Midget, Junior and Women's ball any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her own original place in the batting order. 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. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position.
- Neither OBA rules nor EOBA rules allow for substitution of the catcher on the base paths with the 'last out' when there are two outs in a half-inning. This may occur as part of 'local tournament rules' when time is an issue but is not part of regular play.
- 4.2.11 All games in the Senior regular season, non-tournament league play-offs and OBA determination shall be nine (9) inning games, unless the score is tied. No new inning shall start after 3 hours from the scheduled starting time. Also a mercy rule of ten (10) runs or more after seven (7) or more complete innings shall apply. In scheduled double-

headers each game shall be seven (7) innings with a curfew of 2½ hours and a ten (10) run mercy rule shall apply after five (5) or more innings.

4.2.12 A designated hitter may be used for a pitcher in Senior, Junior, Women's or Midget ball games as per the "Official Rules of Baseball 6:10 (b)".

4.2.13 In all Series, in all games, regular season, non-tournament league play-offs and OBA determination, in case of a called game due to rain, darkness, light failure, park or local curfew, etc. regulation rules shall apply.

4.2.14 All tie games shall be played to completion even if the curfews noted in Clauses 4.2.1 and 4.2.4 have forced the tie, if weather and light and park or local curfews permit.

All innings in a tie game, played after the respective league curfew, shall be played as an extra inning.

If a tie game cannot be completed on the scheduled date because of weather, darkness, light failure, park or local curfew, etc., if time and facilities permit the Series Commissioner may order the game replayed in its entirety, or continued, or recorded as a tie in the final win-loss record of both teams.

4.2.15 Any Special League Rule(s) adopted by a league, at the Scheduling Meeting, which are not applicable to that league under the existing EOBA or OBA Constitutions, must be approved by the EOBA Executive before use.

5.0 CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 Eligibility

5.1.1 In order to be eligible to participate in the Ontario playdowns, Teams or Clubs must represent an Association, City, Town or Municipality within the boundaries of the EOBA or an EOBA approved Direct Entry.

5.1.2 All players must have taken part in at least seven (7) EOBA league games for his/her Club, in order to be eligible to play in the EOBA Championships and playdowns for

OBA Championships unless otherwise agreed to as per Clause 2.5.3.

5.2 Championship Playoffs

5.2.1 The Eastern Ontario Baseball Association shall conduct any necessary play-off(s) in all applicable classifications for the purpose of determining the EOBA representatives in the Ontario Championships.

5.2.2 In order that the final games may be played prior to EOBA and OBA deadlines, all teams competing in EOBA games may be required to play two (2) or more games a week.

5.2.3 Any team failing to play a game when ordered, will automatically forfeit their right to continue in EOBA play.

5.2.4 It is recommended that no EOBA playoff or championship game shall be scheduled before 1:00 p.m. (excepting in approved tournament play).

5.2.5 Barring extenuating circumstances, EOBA championship tournaments will be comprised of not more than eight (8) teams, one (1) of which may be the host club.

EOBA Championships/Playoffs/Playdowns must have confirmed FORMAT, DATE and LOCATION (host) before May 30th in each year.

This championship tournament or play-off is to be held no later than the end of August. If a tournament is played, each team may be required to pay an entry fee which is not to exceed the approved limit (see appendix x), subject to Executive approval and which is to cover the cost of the tournament.

NOTE: All subsequent references in the Playing Rules to first game in all EOBA playdowns, deciding game, Home Club(s), Association Championship games, all EOBA play-off games, home team final series, protest time of 48 hours, 5 days to handle the protest, refer to home and home series style play-offs, and the combination of both where a home and home series is played.

- 5.2.6 All teams who have earned the right by virtue of their final standings in league play, must participate in the EOBA Championships. Teams entered in the Ontario Elimination Tournaments or the Royal Canadian Legion Tournament shall be exempted to play in these tournaments where a conflict arises. No special considerations, such as rescheduling or delaying of the championships, shall be allowed for any exempted team(s).
- 5.2.7 In all series of the home and home style play-offs it shall be the best two (2) out of three (3); except in the final series in any category, if both clubs agree, a longer series may be permitted. The Series Commissioner shall reserve the right to order a sudden death game in any semi-final or final play-off.
- 5.2.8 The higher ranking team in the final League standings, shall have the Home grounds for the THIRD or deciding game. The standings in all Series shall be determined by won/loss percentage.
- 5.2.9 In the case of ties in the standings as determined by the won/loss percentage, the higher ranking team will be determined by the following order of tie breakers:
- The most league games played,
 - Time and facilities permitting, as determined by the Series Commissioner, a single game(s) be played by the tied teams,
 - The results of the game (s) involving the tied teams,
 - Runs for less runs against involving the tied teams,
 - Runs for divided by runs against involving only the tied teams,
 - Runs for less runs against in the total league games played,
 - Runs for divided by runs against in the total league games played,
 - If a tie still exists, a coin toss by the League Commissioner will be made.
- 5.2.10 In all EOBA tournament style play-offs games, except championship deciding game(s), to determine the EOBA Series Champion, a 2 hour and 15 minute curfew, from the first pitch will apply. No NEW inning is to start after 2 hour and 15 minute curfew, from the first pitch. ALL GAMES will be 7 innings with a ten (10) run mercy after five (5) or six (6) innings, 4½ or 5½ innings with the Home team leading by ten (10) or more runs.
- 5.3 Playoff Dates
- 5.3.1 The EOBA must declare representatives for participation in the play-offs for the Ontario Championships, and those representatives must be prepared to enter these play-offs on the dates as set by the OBA Executive (for all series) but in NO case shall that date be later than the FOURTH Saturday in August.
- 5.3.2 No play-off may be ordered AFTER October 15th. If deemed necessary, the Series Commissioner has the power to order a tournament or a single game(s) to be held to declare a winner.
- 5.3.3 Where exceptional circumstances arise in any League, the Series Commissioner shall request that the Secretary submit an application to extend the date of declaring a representative for OBA playdowns.
- 5.4 Home Clubs in Charge of Grounds
- 5.4.1 In all EOBA League or play-off games, the Home Club shall have control of the arrangements for grounds, Umpires, Convenors, Official Scorekeeper, and game necessities.
- 5.4.2 Each Manager will provide a batting card (printed first and last names, jersey numbers, and positions, and any substitutable players) to the Umpire-in-Chief prior to the commencement of the game. Bona-fide players of either team who arrive after the commencement of the game, may have their names added to the list upon reporting to the Umpire-in-Chief.
- 5.4.3 All completed score sheets, batting cards signed by the Plate Umpire, reports, and play-off forms must be mailed (postmarked) by the Home Team to the Series Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of each game.

- 5.5 Division of Receipts
- 5.5.1 In all games, the Visiting Team shall be responsible for the costs of their own travelling. In the case of a default by the Home Team, the Home Team may be liable for the travelling expenses of the Visiting Team at the approved rate (see appendix x) per kilometre one way, incurred by the opposing team.
- 5.5.2 If the Visiting Team defaults a game, the Visiting team may be responsible for game expenses but limited only to the following: Umpire fees, lining of field, and use of lights.
- 5.5.3 All financial claims for expenses must be in the hands of the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association Secretary in writing within fourteen (14) days of the time of occurrence.
- 6.0 GAME REPORTS**
- 6.1 For all games either League, Tournament, or Playoff played by an EOBA team, EOBA Official Score Sheets must be completed in FULL. The Home club in games played within the boundaries of the EOBA is responsible for completing the game sheets in full and forwarding by ordinary mail, the same to the Series Commissioner postmarked within seven (7) days of completion provided that the Game Number, Date, both teams involved and final scores and ejections reported electronically (fax or email) to the Series Commission and/or Commissioners' agent within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game. Failure to forward the sheets and information shall result in a fine (see appendix x) for each set of game sheets, at the Commissioner's discretion.
- 6.2 EOBA approved score sheets and batting cards may be obtained in lots of 25 from the EOBA Secretary by any Association or Team or Club at a price to be determined annually by the EOBA Executive.
- 6.3 For all EOBA regular season or playoff games, the Home Team Scorekeeper shall be the Official Scorekeeper.
- 6.4 The Official Scorekeeper shall score the game on Eastern Ontario Baseball Association game sheets. The Home Team Manager shall be responsible for mailing the original completed copy of each score sheet (Home and Visitors) to the Commissioner, postmarked within seven (7) days of completion provided that the Game Number, Date, both teams involved and final scores and ejections reported electronically (fax or email) to the Series Commission and/or Commissioners' agent within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game.
- 6.5 The Home Team Manager shall supply an EOBA batting card to the Visiting Team Manager. The Manager and Coaches present shall identify themselves, the players and all substitutes on the batting card by printing first and last name, playing position, and jersey number for each and every player, Manager and Coach, present or expected to be present at the game. Managers shall exchange batting cards, including tendering the original copy of each lineup to the Home Plate Umpire prior to game time or at the presentation of ground rules. Additional players names with jersey numbers may be added to the batting cards upon the players' arrival at the game.
- 6.6 The Home Plate Umpire shall record all substitutions on his copy of the batting cards. Upon completion of the game he shall sign his copies and return the copies to the Official Scorekeeper. The Official Scorekeeper shall attach the batting cards to the game sheets for submission to the Commissioner by the Home Team Manager.
- 6.7 Immediately upon conclusion of the game, as directed by the Series Commissioner, the Home Team Manager shall report by telephone the game results including Series, game number, Visiting Team, Home Team, score (and winning team), ejections etc. Failure to report by telephone within the required time shall result in a **FINE** (see appendix x) for each game, at the Commissioner's discretion.
- 6.8 Teams must report, by telephone, to the respective Series Commissioner the results of all tournament and play-off games, including EOBA play-offs for OBA representation, OBA preliminary round play-off games and OBA championship tournament games,

within twenty-four (24) hours of the game(s). Failure to report, by telephone and submission of game sheets, within the required times shall result in a **FINE** (see appendix x) per tournament or play-off round.

7.0 OFFICIAL BASEBALLS

7.1 Each year at the Annual Meeting, the Executive will submit a list of OBA approved baseballs for use in the upcoming season.

(See Appendix vii)

8.0 OFFICIAL FIELD DIMENSIONS

8.1 The Official Field dimensions used in League and Championship play shall be as shown in Appendix viii.

9.0 SERIES COMMISSIONER

9.1 The Executive shall appoint a Series Commissioner to handle each Series. The Commissioner shall have the power to disqualify any team for refusing or failing to play when ordered.

9.2 The Series Commissioner shall be responsible for the co-ordination of preparation of the League Playing Schedule, presiding at the scheduling meeting for his/her Series, maintaining up-to-date league standings, issuing Permission to Enter Forms to OBA Sanctioned Tournaments, determining EOBA play-off participants and opponents, and any other responsibilities that might arise during the operation of the league.

9.3 The Series Commissioner shall classify all teams/clubs in his Series and notify each team of the recommended classification within one (1) week of the EOBA classification meeting.

9.4 Wherever possible the Series Commissioner, or an EOBA Executive member should be present at all deciding games in a final series.

9.5 The Series Commissioner shall make arrangements for playoffs by contacting Clubs personally regarding dates and times

for all games and any further arrangements that might be necessary.

9.6 The Series Commissioner must make such playoff contacts at least 36 hours in advance of said date and times.

9.7 The Series Commissioner shall decide annually at the scheduling meeting in conference with the league entrants, the method by which each League Championship shall be declared. This method shall consist of one (1) of the following:

- Home and home series style play-offs,
- A tournament which may be true or altered double knock-out, round-robin, or a combination thereof,
- A combination of both.

A Home and Home Series may at the same time, serve as a playdown round to determine OBA representation.

10.0 CONVENORS

10.1 All OBA Convenors are to be recommended by an affiliated Association for approval by the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association Executive. A list of recommended Convenors with complete addresses, postal code and telephone numbers must be forwarded to the EOBA Secretary by May 15th of each year. The EOBA Executive will reserve the right to appoint Convenors for districts where Clubs make direct entry into the EOBA.

10.2 In any EOBA games no member of any team involved in that Series will be allowed to act as a Convenor.

11.0 MANAGERS, COACHES, AND TEAM STAFF

11.1 In all games played by a team registered with the EOBA at least one (1) Coach or Manager, signed to an OBA Manager/Coach card, shall be present. In the Minor Series, it is preferred that at least two (2) signed Coaches or the signed Manager and one (1) signed Coach be present.

11.2 All managers and coaches and team staff come under the jurisdiction of the Umpires and are subject to penalties. The Umpires shall see that the rules governing coaches in ALL GAMES are strictly enforced.

11.3 As per the Official Rules of Baseball, in Minor Bantam and above, any team member in uniform may act as a base coach.

12.0 UMPIRES

12.1 Registration

12.1.1 All Umpires must be first approved by the Association which is affiliated with the EOBA before they qualify as Registered Ontario Baseball Association Umpires. The Umpire is to pay a registration fee as set by the OBA Supervisor of Umpires.

12.1.2 The EOBA Umpire-in-Chief shall maintain and annually update a list of OBA registered Umpires within the EOBA, with their full address, postal code and telephone numbers. All applications and recommendations are to be renewed yearly.

12.1.3 All Umpires who have been approved and recommended should affiliate with an Umpires Association in their district. Where none now exists an Umpires organization should be formed. This Association in turn shall affiliate with the local affiliated Association in their area. In districts where there are no affiliated associations established, the Clubs making application for direct entry into the EOBA must follow the same procedure and recommend the names of Umpires to be registered.

12.1.4 To qualify for an OBA Umpires Card, an Umpire must attend an OBA Umpires Clinic and pass a written test annually, as required by the Baseball Ontario Supervisor of Umpires.

12.2 Game Attire

12.2.1 All Umpires shall be properly dressed, when officiating at any baseball game under the jurisdiction of the EOBA. as approved by the OBA Umpiring Committee. Failure to comply could mean loss of accreditation.

12.3 Game Requirements and Management

12.3.1 Umpires handling EOBA games must have an OBA Registration card. In all EOBA Junior and Senior games, only OBA Level III certified umpires with a current OBA Registration card may officiate. In all other league games, the home plate umpire must be currently registered at the corresponding OBA Umpire Level and be registered with the OBA. The base umpire must also be currently registered with the OBA. In all EOBA playoff games, only umpires certified at the OBA Level for the Series with a current OBA Registration card may officiate.

12.3.2 All Umpires are the official representatives of the EOBA Executive and are to be respected as impartial in all games and on all plays.

12.3.3 All Umpires must be prepared to show their Umpire's Card to Managers of Clubs and OBA Convenors prior to the commencement of the game. No request to see an Umpire's card shall be accepted after the game has commenced.

12.3.4 In all regular season, exhibition, or playoff games, the Home Club shall supply at least two (2) umpires for the game except as required under Clause 12.3.5 or exempted by Clause 12.3.1. The Home Club shall assume all costs for both umpires in accordance with Section 12.4.

12.3.5 In the event that umpires, as required by Section 12.3.1 for league games, are not available at game time, replacement umpires, OBA accredited or otherwise, will be used to ensure that the game is played. The use of replacement umpires shall not be a basis for protesting the game.

12.3.6 The Home Club in a Home and Home series shall NOTIFY and SUPPLY OBA REGISTERED UMPIRES. Any visiting Club who wishes a change of Umpires for the third or deciding game only, may request same through their Series Commissioner, but must pay the Umpires mileage and fees plus any other extra costs that may occur.

12.3.7 In all home and home play-off final series, in Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget, Midget, Junior and Senior Series three (3) Umpires shall officiate while two (2) shall suffice in Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee.

12.3.8 NO UMPIRES will be PAID by the EOBA. The Home Club except as stated in Clause 12.3.3 must assume the Umpire fees.

12.3.9 The Home Plate Umpire and Base Umpire(s) must file individual and complete reports to the EOBA Umpire-in-Chief concerning accidents, ejections, delays in starting, and protests. This report is to be signed by the respective Umpire. Reports must be forwarded for each game within twenty-four (24) hours of the time of the incident.

12.4 Umpire Fees

12.4.1 Umpire fees for EOBA play shall be the responsibility of the local association or Home Team.

12.4.2 Mileage allowance for EOBA Umpires is at the approved rate (see appendix x) per kilometre one (1) way for all Series. When two (2) or more Umpires come from the same city or town to the game, only one (1) will be paid mileage allowance.

12.4.3 In all EOBA games which are postponed because of rain or other causes, if the Umpires arrive before notification of the postponement, they shall be entitled to payment of one half (½) fees plus mileage. If the game has been started, the Umpires will be entitled to full fees and mileage.

13.0 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

13.1 Uniforms

13.1.1 Provided the teams are completely uniformed, the uniformity as laid down by the Official Playing Rules of Baseball shall be disregarded and no protest will be considered by the EOBA after the game has been played.

13.1.2 In all games played by an EOBA team, all team members, including the Manager (Head Coach), Coaches, and players MUST be in

COMPLETE AND MATCHING BASEBALL UNIFORM in order to participate in the game on the field. All other personnel must be appropriately dressed while in the bench area.

Note: Complete Baseball Uniform shall consist of:

- corresponding tops or jersey,
- corresponding (similar) baseball caps,
- baseball pants (NOT SHORTS, JEANS OR TRACK SUITS),
- baseball socks and stirrup socks.

13.1.3 All uniform tops or jerseys worn during a game shall have the player's number firmly affixed to the back of the jersey. The size of the number shall be such that the entire number is visible above the top of the baseball pants but no smaller than 200mm (8") from top of number to bottom of number. Shirts worn under the baseball top do not require numbers unless the back of the shirt is visible.

13.1.4 It is strongly recommended that players advancing (paragraph 2.8) wear the uniform of the team to which they are advancing.

13.2 Equipment

13.2.1 All batters and base runners and the on-deck batter must wear a prescribed protective baseball helmet with flaps, covering both ears.

Any helmet changes shall be requested of the Umpires and for safety reasons only.

13.2.2 In Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee series, shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.

13.2.3 All catchers must wear a protective baseball helmet and an acceptable throat guard properly affixed to the mask.

13.2.4 In addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in EOBA play. Subject to the following, these bats shall meet the dimensional requirements, specified in Rule 1:10 of the Official Rules of Baseball.

In Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget, Midget, Junior and Senior, only wood bats (including composite wood bats) shall be used in all games.

Metal/wood bats are not to be considered wood.

14.0 PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

14.1 Protests

14.1.1 All protests must be filed (postmarked or e-mailed or faxed) with the Secretary of the EOBA within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled time of the game being protested. A deposit (see appendix x) will be given to a member of the Executive of the Local Association of the protesting team, and held in trust. The name and position of the Executive member, holding deposit in trust, must be identified in the protest. The deposit must be submitted to the EOBA Secretary by the next scheduled EOBA Executive meeting or the protest hearing, whichever occur first. If the deposit is not submitted by the next scheduled EOBA Executive meeting or the protest hearing, whichever occur first, an approved amount (see appendix x) will be withdrawn from the protesting team's Performance Bond and the protesting team will be suspended. The approved amount must be repayed to the EOBA for reinstatement of the team. If the protest is upheld, only the amount equal to the original deposit amount will be withdrawn from the Performance Bond and the protesting team suspended until that amount is returned. When a Protest is allowed the fee will be returned to the Protesting Club by the EOBA. When a Protest is disallowed, the fee will be retained by the EOBA.

14.1.2 Once a Protest has been dealt with by the EOBA Executive or Sub-Committee, delegated to act in such matters by the EOBA, any ruling handed down must be considered as FINAL by the EOBA. No further action will be taken.

14.1.3 The President of the EOBA has the power to appoint a Sub-Committee to handle all Protests which must be disposed of within

FIVE DAYS from the time the Secretary receives the Protest and evidence in support thereof.

14.1.4 All Protests and evidence in support thereof, must be in duplicate and signed by an Officer of the Protesting Club and an Officer of the parent affiliated association. A copy of said Protests, etc., and evidence must be served upon the Management of the Protested Club and also forwarded to the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association Secretary within FORTY-EIGHT (48) hours after the said game. The Club protested shall be allowed THIRTY-SIX (36) HOURS to file a defence and evidence with the Secretary of the EOBA and the Management of the Protesting Club. The copy of the defence forwarded to the EOBA Secretary must be accompanied by a deposit (see appendix x) to be forfeited to the EOBA should the protest be allowed. A reply to the said defence may be served upon the management of the protested Club with a copy to the EOBA Secretary at least TWELVE (12) HOURS before the time fixed by the EOBA for hearing the Protest. The fee of the defending club will likewise be retained in the case of a win by the Protesting Club. Each Club may be represented at the hearing by TWO (2) representatives, ONLY ONE (1) of whom shall be permitted to speak. WHERE ASSOCIATIONS OR CLUBS ARE ONLY CALLED IN TO GIVE EVIDENCE THEY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT A DEFENCE FEE.

14.1.5 All correspondence re: protest and defence of appeals must be forwarded by REGISTERED MAIL, COURIER SERVICE, FACSIMILE MACHINE, PERSONALLY DELIVERED. OR E-MAIL. Affidavits, witnessed by Notary Public, MUST accompany all aforementioned correspondence.

14.1.6 Protests based on Umpires' judgement decisions will not be permitted.

14.1.7 A protest based on an Umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the Umpires before the game resumes, and the opposing team and scorekeeper must also be advised by the Umpire before the game resumes.

14.1.8 Protests which in the opinion of the President, as advised by the Series Commissioner, are based solely on technicalities which cannot have any possible bearing on the outcome of the game will not be entertained.

14.1.9 Clubs and/or players which knowingly play against INELIGIBLE PLAYERS and do wilfully conceal this knowledge from the EOBA until it shall suit their convenience to use it in any Protest which may arise shall be considered equally guilty with the offending Club or players and shall be dealt with accordingly.

14.2 Complaints

14.2.1 Complaints based on Umpires' judgement decisions will not be permitted.

14.2.2 A complaint based on an Umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the EOBA Umpire Committee within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.

14.2.3 A complaint regarding the actions or eligibility of a team or individual team personnel must be lodged with the EOBA Series Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the actions.

14.3 Appeals

14.3.1 Appeals based on Umpires' judgement decisions will not be permitted.

14.3.2 A Club, manager, coach or player that has been suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Executive for a hearing. All appeals must be accompanied with a specified fee (see appendix x). If the appeal is upheld, half of the fee will be returned to the appellent.

14.3.3 An appeal based on an Umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the EOBA within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the game.

14.3.4 Appeals to team classifications may be made to the respective Series Commissioner up to three (3) days prior to the EOBA classification meeting.

Further appeals to classification will be accepted from Association and Teams/Clubs at the EOBA classification meeting. The appeal must be accompanied by a non-refundable administrative fee (see appendix x) for each team appeal. This non-refundable administrative fee of will be retained by the EOBA.

14.3.5 Appeals to classification changes made by the EOBA Executive at the EOBA classification meeting will be accepted up to three (3) days following the EOBA classification meeting. The appeal must be accompanied by a non-refundable administrative fee (see appendix x) for each team appeal. This non-refundable administrative fee will be retained by the EOBA.

14.3.6 Appeals by an Association or Team/Club of rulings made by a Series Commissioner, Convenors, etc. shall be dealt with by the EOBA Executive or a Sub-Committee delegated to act on such matters by the EOBA. The appeal must be accompanied by a non-refundable administration fee (see appendix x). This is not to be confused with the handling of protests in accordance with Section 14.1.

15.0 SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

15.1 Any Association or member of this Association violating the Constitution or By-Laws of the EOBA or OBA or refusing to abide by the decision of the Executive or Sub-Committee or Series Commissioner may be expelled or suspended. It is the duty and obligation of all EOBA Executive members and Appointees to report fully and immediately any violation of the EOBA Constitution and By-Laws or directives of the EOBA Executive.

15.2 Club(s), Officers or Players may be suspended by the Executive Committee for knowingly:

- Permitting betting or improper conduct by players or Officers at Association games.
- Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any Association game or being interested in any pool or wager thereof.

- Playing with a Club or Association that has been suspended or expelled.
- Knowingly having on its list of signed players any disqualified players.
- Permitting Officers to conduct business of Clubs or associations inimical to the best interest of organized sport.

- 15.3 Any registered Club or Players shall automatically suspend themselves upon playing with or against any Club or Players who are not registered with the EOBA and OBA without first securing permission from the EOBA Executive except where an entire club is playing an exhibition game(s) with teams up to and including Midget age, permission may be granted by the Series Commissioner of the EOBA.
- 15.4 Any player who shall play under an assumed name shall be suspended from the EOBA.
- 15.5 Any player found guilty of playing over the age limit permitted in the Series in which he is participating shall automatically be suspended.
- 15.6 Any TEAM found guilty of using a player over the age limit permitted in the Series in which he is participating or playing under an assumed name, shall be automatically suspended along with the Manager and all Coaches of the team.
- 15.7 Players, Coaches, Manager, and Umpires in uniform must refrain from using any tobacco products, alcohol and drugs during all games. Penalty for this would be immediate ejection for players, coaches and managers and may result in loss of accreditation for umpires.
- 15.8 Players, Coaches and Managers ejected from any League, exhibition, or play-off game by an Umpire are suspended for one (1) game, and this to be the next scheduled playing date.
- An appeal of an ejection prior to the next scheduled game upheld by the respective Series Commissioner or the EOBA Executive, shall allow for a one (1) scheduled date deferral of the suspension.
- 15.9 In ALL EOBA play, the Manager or Coach shall not cross the foul lines of the playing

field for the single purpose of arguing an Umpire's decision.

Infringement of this rule shall result in automatic ejection from the game and all other penalties noted in these rules.

- 15.10 The EOBA Secretary shall forward immediately to the OBA the name of team(s), manager(s)/coach(s), or player(s) indefinitely suspended by the EOBA. The Secretary shall subsequently notify the OBA of reinstatement.
- 15.11 Where a Local Association has suspended a coach/ manager/player after having followed due process, and then requests that the EOBA uphold the suspension that they have issued, EOBA immediately implements the suspension pending an appeal hearing. The coach is notified that the request to uphold the Local Associations' suspension has been received and implemented, and if the coach wishes to appeal, a hearing is scheduled as soon as possible. Both sides are invited to the hearing to present their case. The Appeals and Protest committee then rules on the case and if the suspension is to be upheld it is brought to the Executive for approval

16.0 EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

- 16.1 All Clubs or Players registered with the EOBA who desire to participate in exhibition games with teams not registered with the EOBA must first secure the consent of the Series Commissioner of the EOBA.
- 16.2 Teams wishing to play an exhibition game(s) outside the Province of Ontario must first secure the permission of their local association (where applicable) then the permission of the EOBA Executive who will, upon approval, submit the request to the OBA for final approval. Any such team is required to purchase their Out of Province health coverage directly from the OBA insurance provider so as to ensure that sports injuries are included in the coverage.
- 16.3 Teams wishing to play an exhibition game(s) involving a team(s) from outside the Province

of Ontario, must first secure the permission of the EOBA Executive who will, upon approval, submit the request to the OBA for final approval.

- 16.4 All Clubs registered with the EOBA who desire to enter and participate in an OBA sanctioned tournament must first secure a signed Permission to Enter Form from the respective Series Commissioner of the EOBA.
- 16.5 Any Clubs or Association, wishing to hold a tournament where three (3) or more teams are competing, must first apply for permission to hold same from the EOBA Executive. A specified fee (see appendix x) must accompany each application. This application must be received by the EOBA Secretary by January 30th of each year.
- 16.6 Teams/Clubs hosting an OBA sanctioned tournament with approval to award prize(s) or prize money, shall furnish proof to the EOBA that the prize(s) or money will be assured on the dates of the tournament. In the case of prize money, proof shall be in the form of a cash amount equal to the total amount of the prize money to be awarded, placed in trust with the Treasurer of the EOBA until the completion of the tournament. The Host Team/Club shall attach a statement to their OBA tournament application exempting the EOBA from any liability should the Host Team/Club default in the payment of any prize money. The EOBA reserves the right to award prize money, in default, from the Performance Bond of the Team/Club.

17.0 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- 17.1 The *Ed and Vi Christopher Award* shall be awarded annually at the EOBA Annual General Meeting for dedication, service and hard work towards the improvement and growth of baseball within the EOBA.

The award is to be awarded to a nominee from the Association that is hosting the EOBA Annual General Meeting.

If the hosting association does not have a worthy recipient, to receive this award, or

should the EOBA host the Annual General Meeting, then the EOBA Executive will decide on the recipient of the award, from all of the associations in the EOBA for that year.

The main trophy was donated to the EOBA by the Oshawa Dodgers Intercounty Baseball Club. The Annual Award, that the recipient keeps, will be purchased annually by the EOBA. The association hosting the EOBA Annual General Meeting, will purchase the 'keeper award' and have the main trophy updated with their winner's name and shall be reimbursed by the EOBA. The amount that the EOBA shall reimburse shall not exceed \$50.00. The main trophy will be kept by the recipient and returned to the EOBA at the November EOBA Executive meeting and given to the association that is hosting the EOBA Annual General Meeting that year.

- 17.2 Every Association or Direct Entry or any team from the EOBA that plays in other leagues, shall contribute an approved amount (see appendix x) towards the awards identified in Clause 17.3. Payment is due to the EOBA Secretary by the first Monday of July, each year.

- 17.3 The EOBA will hand out annually, at the EOBA Annual General Meeting, awards for the following:
- Rep. Junior Player of the Year (Peewee and below)
 - Rep. Senior Player of the Year (Bantam and above)
 - House League Player of the Year (Peewee and below)
 - House League Player of the Year (Bantam and above)
 - Pitcher of the Year (Mosquito and above)
 - Junior Umpire of the Year (21 Years old and under)
 - Senior Umpire of the Year (22 years older and older)
 - Rep. Junior Coach of the Year (Peewee and below)
 - Rep. Senior Coach of the Year (Bantam and above)
 - House League Coach of the Year (Peewee and below)

- House League Coach of the Year
(Bantam and above)
- Team of the Year (All Series)
- EOBA Executive Member of the Year

17.4 The EOBA shall award annually *The Ed Christopher Association of the Year* award to the Local Association within the EOBA, deemed to have been the most active as per similar criteria listed for selecting the '*OBA George Spalding Memorial Award*'. This award shall be selected by an EOBA Committee of the Active Past-Presidents.

17.5 The Awards committee shall be appointed by the Board to determine the EOBA's award winners. Local boards, EOBA member parents, players and/or EOBA elected board members have the power to nominate an individual, team or association for consideration for an award. In the event that the awards committee does not have a nominee or has rejected a nominee(s) the committee members shall actively seek a recipient of their choosing or shall report to the Board their reasoning for not presenting a certain award in any given year.

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1964-65	Jack Carson*	Belleville	1966-67	Dick Ellis*	Belleville
1968-69	Jim Gilmer	Port Hope	1970-71	Jim Lutton	Oshawa
1972-73	John Ryan*	Cobourg	1974	Grant Wade*	Newtonville
1974	Art Parry	Oshawa	1975	Sanford Haskill	Port Hope
1976	John Robinson	Peterborough	1976	Mort Hollowell	Port Hope
1977-78	Ed Christopher*	Belleville	1979-80	Doug Finney	Oshawa
1981-84	George Spalding*	Cobourg	1985-88	Rod Fillier	Ajax
1989-91	Doug Lustic*	Peterborough	1992-93	Ron Jay	Cobourg
1994-95	Dave Bemma	Port Hope	1996-97	Curtis Dadswell	Ajax
1998-99	Mark Orton	Oshawa	2000-02	Randy Pickle	Oshawa
2003-04	Don Leaman	Cobourg	2005-06	Troy May*	Oshawa
2007-08	Tony Morra	Whitby			
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John Ryan*		Cobourg	Harold Griffin*		Cannington
William Rawlinson*		Peterborough			

APPENDIX ii
LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Ajax Spartan Minor Baseball Association	ASMBA	Kingston Thunder Baseball Association	KBA
Belleville Amateur Baseball Association	BABA	Oshawa Legion (Minor) Baseball Association	OLMBA
Clarington Orioles Baseball Association	COBA	Peterborough Baseball Association	PBA
Cobourg Baseball Association	CBA	Pickering Baseball Association	PBA
Kendal Minor Baseball Association	KMBA	Port Hope Minor Baseball Association	PHMB
Kingston Braves		Whitby Minor Baseball Association	WMBA

SENIOR TEAMS

Kendal Eagles Senior Baseball Team

Oshawa

Port Hope

Peterborough

APPENDIX iii
EOBA ANNUAL MEETING SITES

Year	Location	Year	Location	Year	Location	Year	Location
1964	Belleville	1977	Cobourg	1990	Ajax	2003	Peterborough
1965	Port Hope	1978	Cobourg	1991	Cobourg	2004	Oshawa
1966	Belleville	1979	Cobourg	1992	Cobourg	2005	Belleville
1967	Oshawa	1980	Whitby	1993	Cobourg	2006	Ajax
1968	Peterborough	1981	Little Britain	1994	Oshawa	2007	Whitby
1969	Belleville	1982	Bowmanville	1995	Kingston	2008	Bowmanville
1970	Port Hope	1983	Cobourg	1996	Port Hope	2009	Kingston (last Jan. meeting)
1971	Bowmanville	1984	Whitby	1997	Kingston Twp	2009	Cobourg (Whitby host)
1972	Port Hope	1985	Cobourg	1998	Pickering	2010	Kingston (Pickering host)
1973	Ajax	1986	Cobourg	1999	Bowmanville	2011	
1974	Kingston	1987	Port Hope	2000	Belleville	2012	
1975	Belleville	1988	Belleville	2001	Whitby	2013	
1976	Oshawa	1989	Peterborough	2002	Cobourg (EOBA)	2014	

APPENDIX iv
2011 EOBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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Association	Appointee	Alternate
Ajax SMBA	Scott Manson	Bill Stone
Belleville MBA	Kevin Mackey	
Clarington BA	John Puddicombe (EOBA Director)	Jay Osborne
Cobourg	N/A – less than 3 teams	
Kendal MBA	N/A – less than 3 teams	
Kingston Thunder	Don Parkinson	Carol Steele
Kingston Braves	N/A – less than 3 teams	
Oshawa LMBA	Tom Harrod	
Peterborough BA	Graham Lewis	
Pickering BA	Alfred DeSousa (EOBA Director)	
Port Hope BA	Rick Trauggot	Christine Robinson
Whitby MBA	Paul Paciocco	

Committees

Committee Name	Chair	Members
All-Star/Elite/Coaching	Steve Moore	John Puddicombe Alfred DeSousa Scott Meadwell
Appeals and Protests	Scott Meadwell	5 from the Executive as required
Awards	K.C. Chong	Ray Baker Scott Meadwell Don Parkinson
Finance	Carol Steele	Jim Lutton Scott Manson George Brown Scott Meadwell
Nominating	Randy Pickle	John Smeelen
Policy/Procedures	George Brown	Jim Lutton Scott Manson Carol Steele
SOBA and Grassroots		
Umpiring	Ray Baker	Bill Fleming Jim Lutton
Historical Research	Jim Lutton	

External Representatives

External Body	Representative	Alternate
Baseball Ontario Board of Directors	Scott Meadwell	John Smeelen
Baseball Ontario Rules Committee	Steve Moore	
SOBA		

Commissioners

Level	Commissioner	Level	Commissioner
Overall	K.C. Chong	Peewee	Scott Meadwell
Junior/Senior	Jim Lutton/Ray Baker/Tom Harrod	Minor Peewee	Alfred DeSousa
Midget	Jim Lutton/Ray Baker/Tom Harrod	Mosquito	Bill Fleming
Bantam	George Brown	Minor Mosquito	Bill Fleming
Minor Bantam	John Puddicombe	Rookie Ball	Ken Babcock

APPENDIX v
BOUNDARIES OF THE EOBA AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Refer to the OBA website and OBA Constitution (Appendix C) for the defined boundaries of all of the OBA Affiliates.

APPENDIX vi

OBA Approved Pitching Rules (OBA Section P2.10 Pitching Rules)

- a) Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rules of the series in which he/she is registered.
- b) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito games, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall not be limited except when the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- c) In Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Peewee Girls, Minor Peewee and 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.
- d) In Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Peewee Girls, Minor Peewee and Peewee games, a pitcher once removed from pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- e) From Minor Bantam to Senior, a second trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed after the 2nd trip in an inning, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

Pitch Count Limitations

- f) 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 that batter or (ii) the end of the inning.

Minor and Major Mosquito	70 pitches
Minor and Major Peewee, Peewee Girls	80 pitches
Minor and Major Bantam, Bantam Girls	90 pitches
Minor and Major Midget, Women	100 pitches

- g) If a pitcher throws more than the following limits in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day – the player must have 2 nights rest.

Minor and Major Mosquito	45 pitches
Minor and Major Peewee, Peewee Girls	55 pitches
Minor and Major Bantam, Bantam Girls	65 pitches
Minor and Major Midget, Women	75 pitches

- h) 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.

- i) The official scorekeeper shall designate the official pitch count recorder.

- j) The official pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or the umpire.

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

l) If a team has no remaining players eligible to pitch in a game, the opposing coach may designate a player who has yet to pitch in the game. This pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of (i) the completion of that batter, or (ii) the end of the inning.

m) Illegal pitching penalty: where a player throws more pitches than is permitted under f); or pitches on 3 consecutive days in violation of n); or pitches and catches in the same game in violation of o), or pitches without the rest required by g) the penalty shall be forfeiture by the player's team. A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach's indefinite suspension.

n) i. At Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor Peewee, Peewee, Peewee Girls, Minor Bantam, Bantam and Bantam Girls, pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days
ii. At Minor Midget, Midget, pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days unless:
1. the pitcher threw 30 pitches or less on each of the first two days.
2. the maximum number of pitches which may be thrown on the third day is 50.
iii At Junior, Senior and Womens, there is no restriction on pitchers pitching on 3 consecutive calendar days.

o) At Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor Peewee, Peewee and Peewee Girls, a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game.

p) Pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown. An exception shall be made where a game commences on one day and is played continuously past midnight. In that case, the pitches shall count as being thrown on the day on which the game commenced. In the case where a game is suspended, for whatever reason, on one day and 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 cause the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of the delay can count towards the nights rest required under g) and can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under n).

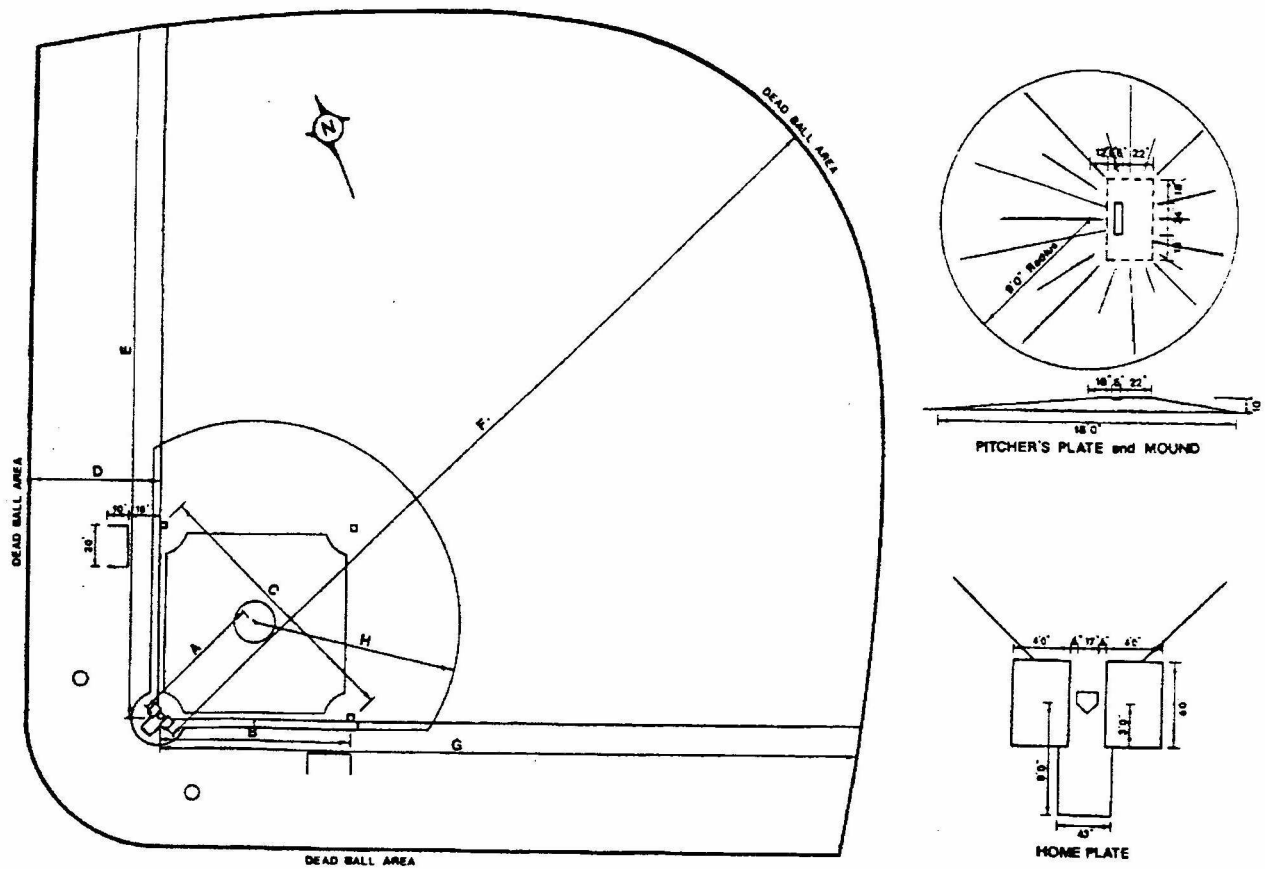
q) Baseball Canada Rule 8.06 c) [2nd visit to the mound not allowed when same batter still at bat] does not apply where a coach/manager goes to the mound to remove a pitcher in order not to exceed the pitch limits of g).

Note: for this to apply the second trip must be after the last pitch which could be thrown without exceeding the particular pitch count limit of g). For example after the 55th pitch but before the 56th pitch at Peewee or Minor Peewee.

APPENDIX vii
APPROVED BASEBALLS for the CURRENT SEASON

Number	Rookie Ball	T-Ball	Mosquito	PeeWee	Bantam	Midget	Junior	Senior
Silverstar Sports								
818LS	x		x	x				
REV500	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Diamond								
D1C	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
D2C	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
D3C	x		x	x	x			
Rawlings								
TVB	x	x						
ROTB5	x							
65CC	x		x	x	x			
80CC	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
R-100	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
ROML	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
ROLB	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
ROLB1	x		x	x	x			
Worth								
CTB4		x						
BCAF	x		x	x				
MLH	x		x	x	x	x	x	x

APPENDIX viii
FIELD DIMENSIONS



Series	Mound	Bases	Diagonal	Foul Area	Outfield Fence			Grass Radius
					Left	Centre	Right	
	A	B	C	D*	E*	F*	G*	H*
Regulation	60' 6"	90' 0"	127' 3 "	60'	320'	400'	320'	95'
Bantam Girls	50' 0"	82' 0"	115' 11 "	55'	290'	365'	290'	85'
Peewee	50' 0"	75' 0"	106' ¾"	50'	270'	335'	270'	80'
Mosquito	44' 0"	65' 0"	91' 11"	44'	230'	290'	230'	70'
Mosquito Girls	44' 0"	65' 0"	91' 11"	44'	230'	290'	230'	70'
T-Ball	50' 0"	60' 0"	84' 10¼"	40'	215'	265'	215'	50'†
Rookie Ball	44' 0"‡	65' 0"	91' 11"	44'	230'	290'	230'	70'

* - recommended distance ‡ - located at the centre point of an 8' diameter safety circle † - measured from the centre of the Playing Line.

APPENDIX ix
DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- Appeal** - An appeal is a request by an individual to the EOBA Executive to reconsider a decision regarding a suspension, complaint, etc.
- Association** - Association shall mean the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association Incorporated, Eastern Ontario Baseball Association, Eastern Ontario Baseball, or EOBA.
- Bantam** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Bantam team and not older than age 15 during the current playing year. See also **Minor Bantam**.
- Bantam Girl** - A girl playing on an OBA registered Bantam Girls baseball team and age 12, 13 or 14 in the current playing year.
- Club** - A Club is an individual team with its own management and/or executive.
- Coach** - An on-field individual assisting the Manager (Head Coach). The Coach must be signed to an OBA Manager/Coach Certificate. A player participating in the Senior Series may also be signed as a Coach with his respective Senior team.
- Complaint** - A complaint is a request by an individual or team for the EOBA Executive to investigate a problem (i.e. judgement, conditions, eligibility, etc.)
- Complete Game** - A complete game is a regulation game of seven innings for the Mosquito and PeeWee Series and nine innings for Bantam to Senior Series except when shortened by a mercy rule or a game or park curfew. See Section 4.2.
- Deciding Game** - The deciding game of a playoff series shall be that game whereby if either team wins the game, that team wins the series.
- Default** - If either team does not have nine signed players to start a game, a default shall be declared.
- Direct Entry** - A Club or Team representing an area outside of the boundaries of the EOBA and properly released from its home OBA affiliated association, if such an association exists, desirous of participating in EOBA league play and playoffs.
- Doubleheader** - Two scheduled games to be played by the same two teams on one scheduled date in the same park. The time shown on the schedule is the scheduled time for the first game of the doubleheader. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between the last out of the first game and the first pitch of the second game. The first game must be played and be a complete game before the second game may start. See Section 4.2.
- EOBA Umpire-in-Chief** - An individual(s) appointed by the EOBA President to act as the supervisor of umpires registered with the EOBA.
- Exhibition Game** - A game played between two teams, not scheduled by the responsible Series Commissioner, and not having any effect on league standings or playoffs, but may be considered for team classification.
- Forfeit** - If either team does not have nine signed players to complete a game, a forfeit shall be declared by the Umpire-in-Chief of the game. A forfeit may also be declared for failure to continue or violation of the Rules of Baseball.
- Final Series** - A playoff series between two teams to determine a league champion or playoff representative to OBA playdowns.
- Full Executive** - The Full Executive consists of the Officers of the EOBA, the Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar, approved active Past-President (s), Directors, and Association Appointees.

- Guarantee Deposit** - The amount of money set forth by the Constitution of the EOBA to be deposited by each team entered to guarantee fulfilment of that team's commitments to the EOBA. This amount of money may be considered as a performance bond. See also **Performance Bond**.
- Head Coach** - see Manager.
- In Good Standing** - A Club shall be considered in good standing for fulfilling their league, playoff, and financial commitments to the EOBA.
An Executive Member, Local Association Appointee shall maintain good standing based on attendance at scheduled executive meetings, or acceptable reasoning for absence.
A Club, Executive Member, or Local Association Appointee not in good standing shall lose their right to vote at any meeting of the EOBA.
- Ineligible** - A individual under suspension or whose certificate has been rejected based on the Constitution of the EOBA or OBA or playing in a Series younger than his age permits or a team under suspension.
- Junior** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Junior team and not older than age 21 during the current playing year.
- Local Association** - An affiliation of clubs representing all or part of a municipality within the boundaries of the EOBA.
- Manager** - The on-field individual most responsible for the actions and conduct of a team while on the ball field. The Manager may also be referred to as the Head Coach. The Manager must be signed to an OBA Manager/Coach Certificate. A player participating in the Senior Series may also be signed as a Manager (Head Coach) with his respective Senior team.
- Midget** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Midget team and not older than age 18 during the current playing year. See also **Minor Midget**.
- Minor Bantam** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Minor Bantam baseball team and not older than age 14 during the current playing year.
- Minor Midget** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Minor Midget baseball team and not older than age 16 during the current playing year.
- Minor Mosquito** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Minor Mosquito baseball team and not older than age 10 during the current playing year.
- Minor Peewee** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Minor Peewee baseball team and not older than age 12 during the current playing year.
- Minor Series** - A minor series shall be any of the following: Rookie Ball, T-Ball, Mosquito, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget or Youth.
- Mosquito** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Mosquito team and not older than age 11 during the current playing year. See also **Minor Mosquito**.
- Peewee** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Peewee team and not older than age 13 during the current playing year. See also **Minor Peewee**.
- Peewee Girl** - A girl playing on an EOBA registered Peewee Girls baseball team and not older than age 13 in the current playing year.
- Performance Bond** - The amount of money set forth by the Constitution of the EOBA to be deposited by each team entered to guarantee fulfilment of that team's commitments to the EOBA. See also **Guarantee Deposit**

- Playdowns/Playoffs** - Post-season play to determine league champion and/or EOBA representatives to the OBA playdowns. These playoffs may be tournament style, series style, round - robin style or a combination of styles.
- Player** - An individual (male or female) properly signed to an OBA Player's Certificate.
- Protest** - A protest is a formal appeal by an individual or team of an Umpire's ruling, based interpretation only, during a game (may not be based on Umpire's judgement). See Section 14
- Regulation Game** - A game that has progressed to the point that the Home Team is ahead after 4½ complete innings or that the Visiting Team is ahead after 5 complete innings. This applies to seven inning games and nine inning games.
- Regular Season** - The EOBA shall determine annually the earliest opening date and the final date for regular season league play and all scheduled games must be completed and reported by the final date.
- Schedule** - The approved listing consisting of game number, date, time, location (park), visiting team and home team as prepared and distributed by the responsible Series Commissioner.
- Scheduled Date** - The calendar date for a team's game(s) in accordance with the approved schedule or a date agreed upon by both teams and approved by the Commissioner for a rescheduled game.
- Scheduled Time** - The scheduled time of a game is the time as it appears on the approved schedule or as agreed upon for a rescheduled game.
- Scheduled Game** - A scheduled game is a game played on a scheduled date. A doubleheader is two scheduled games on a scheduled date.
- Senior** - A baseball player on an EOBA registered Senior team and older than age 21 during the current playing year.
- Team** - A team shall consist of a minimum of 12 players, to a maximum of 25, signed to Player's Certificates of that Club or Team. Each Club or Team must have at least one Manager and/or one or more Coach(s) who shall be responsible for that team. A Team shall be a member of, and under the auspices of the executive of a local association.
- Umpire-in-Chief** - For any game the Plate Umpire shall be the Umpire-in-Chief.
- Vintage** - A baseball player on a Vintage team and older than age 35 during the current playing year.
- Women** - A girl playing on an OBA registered Women's baseball team and not older than 25 in the current playing year.

Appendix x
Approved Fees

Section Reference	Reason	Amount
2.2.1	Performance Bond – teams from centres with three or more teams	\$250
	Performance Bond – teams from centres with less than three teams	\$600
	Performance Bond – Single Entry teams	\$600
	Performance Bond – Direct Entry teams	\$600
2.2.1	Team Entry Fee	\$125
	Midget Team Special Assessment Fee	\$50
2.2.1	Individual Player Fee	\$25
2.2.4	Late team entry penalty – 1-7 days late	\$50
	Late team entry penalty – 8-14 days late	\$100
2.2.5	Insurance Fee (per individual)	\$4
2.2.6.1	Bank Charges Administrative Fee	\$30
2.2.6.2	Special Handling Fee	\$10
2.2.6.3	Collection Fee minimum charge	\$10
2.3.10	Late submission of roster fine	\$25
2.3.13	Late submission of corrected roster fine	\$25
3.1.3	Junior and higher series, failure to meet commitments fine	\$25
5.2.5	EOBA Championship tournament entry fee maximum	\$350
5.5.1	Default mileage rate per kilometre	\$0.80
6.1	Failure to send commissioner the game sheets fine	\$10
6.7	Home team fine for not phoning in score	\$10
6.8	Fine for not reporting team tournament results	\$10
12.4.2	Umpires maximum mileage allowance per kilometre	\$0.30
14.1.1	Protest Deposit amount	\$50
	Protest Deposit not submitted, amount from bond	\$100
14.1.4	Protest Defense deposit	\$50
14.3.2	Suspension Appeal Fee	\$100
14.3.4	Classification Appeal Fee per team	\$50
14.3.5	Non-refundable Fee for EOBA Classification meeting decision appeals	\$50
14.3.6	Appeal of Series Commissioner decision fee	\$50
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		Base Umpire	23
		Baseball Associations	2
		Baseball Ontario	2, 10, 11
		baseball pants	23
		baseball socks and stirrup socks	23

batters' boxes	16
batting card	17, 19
batting cards	19, 20
batting cards signed by the Plate Umpire	19
best two (2) out of three (3)	19
betting	25
bona-fide and continuous resident	13
bona-fide move of the family	14
boundaries of the EOBA	18

C

Canada Post data	13
Canada Summer Games	1
certificate of his appointment, signed by the Secretary of the Association or Club which he represents	6
Charter Members	2
cheque returned from the bank NSF	11
cheque(s)	5
Cities and Towns which have more than one (1) Association	14
City	1, 18
classification	13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 25
classification meeting	13, 16, 21, 25
Club	2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27
Clubs	2, 9, 14, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27
Coach of the Year	5, 27, 28
coaches	22, 26
Coaching Clinic	5
Coaching Clinic Hosting	5
Commissioner	13, 16, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27
Complaint	25
Complete and matching baseball uniform	23
completed score sheets	19
composite wood bats	24
conduct detrimental to the EOBA	4
Constitution	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 18, 25
Constitution and By-laws and Rules of the EOBA	2
Constitution and By-Laws of the EOBA	3
Constitution or By-Laws	6, 25
Continuous resident for 2 years	14
Convenors	19, 21, 22, 25
corresponding (similar) baseball caps	23
corresponding tops or jersey	23
courier dated	10
courier service	24
current bank charge	11
current listing of all suspensions still in effect	5

D

darkness	18
date of declaring a representative for OBA playdowns	19
Decisions of the Sub-committee	4
delays in starting	23
delegate	6, 7, 8
Delegate	6
designated hitter	18
direct entry	2, 9, 21, 22
Direct Entry	1, 10, 14, 18, 27
disqualified players	26
double-headers	17, 18
duly appointed representative of the Association	6

E

Eastern Ontario Baseball	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 24
Eastern Ontario Baseball Association	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 24
<i>Ed and Vi Christopher Award</i>	27
eight (8) teams	18
ejections	20, 23
e-mail	24
EOBA	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
EOBA Annual Meeting	4
EOBA approved Direct Entry	18
EOBA batting card	20
EOBA championship tournaments	18
EOBA Championships	18, 19
EOBA classification meeting	16, 21, 25
EOBA Committee of the Active Past-Presidents	28
EOBA Constitution and By-Laws	25
EOBA Executive	1, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27
EOBA Executive meeting	24
EOBA Executive Member of the Year	28
EOBA League and/or Playoff Competition	2
EOBA League Playing Rules	15
EOBA Official Score Sheets	20
EOBA playdowns	9
EOBA play-off participants	21
EOBA play-offs	20
EOBA Registrar	12
EOBA representatives in the Ontario Championships	18
EOBA Secretary	24, 27
EOBA Series Champion	19
EOBA Series Commissioner	13
EOBA tournament style play-offs	19
EOBA Umpire-in-Chief	22, 23
equality of votes	7
Executive	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27
Executive Committee	25
Executive Meeting	3, 4
Executive Member	6
Executive Members	3
Executive of the Local Association of the protesting team	24
exhibition games	26
expedited processing of players' certificates	11
extra inning	18

F

facsimile machine	24
failing to play a game when ordered	18
failing to play when ordered	21
fax dated	10
February 1st	3
fees	10, 11, 22, 23
fifteen (15) delegates shall form a quorum	5
fifteen (15) minutes	16
fifteen (15) runs or more	17
final play-off	19
final win-loss record	18
financial claims	20

financial obligations	12
FINE	20
first day of September in the current year.	4
first Executive meeting following the Annual General Meeting	5
first Monday of July	27
first pitch	19
First Vice-President	2
five (5)	3, 6, 16, 17, 18, 19
five (5) elected Officers or Members	3
five (5) series	6
five days	24
forfeit	18
Former professional baseball players	2
forty-eight (48) hours	24
forty-eight (48) hours in the case of Friday or Saturday games	20
forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled time of the game	24
foul lines of the playing field	26
four (4) additional voting members	3
Four (4) days notice	5
fourteen (14) days	20
full fees and mileage	23

G

game expenses	20
game number	20
General Business	7
<i>George Spalding Memorial Award</i>	28
good standing and operating the previous year	4

H

High Performance Teams	10
higher ranking team	19
Home Town	2
Home and home	21
home and home series style play-offs	18
home and home style play-offs	19
home Association	9
Home Club	16, 19, 22, 23
Home Clubs	19
home plate umpire	22
Home Plate Umpire	20, 23
Home Team	19, 20, 23
Home Team Manager	20
Home Team may be liable for the travelling expenses of the Visiting Team	20
Home Team Scorekeeper	20
Honorary Member	3
Honorary Members	3
Honorary Membership	3
host club	18

I

Immediate Past President	2
Immediate Past-President	2
improper conduct	25

in good standing with the EOBA	6
ineligible player	25
injury	17
Insurance	10

J

January 1st	12
January 1st of the current playing year	12
January 30th of each year	27
January 31st	3
jersey number	20
jersey numbers	19, 20
June 15th	2, 12
June 15th of the current playing year	12
June 1st	13
June 30th	14, 15
Junior	10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 27

K

knowingly postponing a game	15
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L

larger household category	13
last Sunday of April	10
last weekend of November	5
Late arrivals	17
late penalties	10
League Playing Schedule	21
Leagues and Final Standings	5
Liability and Accident Insurance	10
Life Members	2, 3
light failure	18
lining of field	20
Local Association	5, 6, 12, 14, 15, 28
local association boundaries	1
Local Associations	10
longer series	19
Lost approved Team Rosters	11

M

mailed	19, 24
majority of votes cast	7
Manager	12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26
manager/coach	17
Managers of Clubs	22
maximum of three successive terms	2
May 15th	21
metal bats	23
Midget	10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26
Midget Team	10
midnight of the first day of October	6
mileage	22, 23
Minor Bantam	17
Minor Midget	17
Minor Peewee	13, 17

Mosquito	12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27
mover in reply	7
Municipality	18

N

National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues	2
National Tournaments	1
next scheduled playing date	26
night baseball	16
nine (9) inning games	17
nominate a member	3
nominee from the Association that is hosting the EOBA Annual General Meeting	27
non-refundable administrative fee	25
non-registered OBA Club	12
Notary Public	24

O

OBA	2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28
OBA championship tournament games	20
OBA Championships	16, 18
OBA Level III certified umpires	22
OBA Playing Rules	15
OBA Play-offs	11
OBA preliminary round play-off games	20
OBA registered Umpires	22
OBA representation	20, 21
OBA Residence Rule (P1-3)	2
OBA sanctioned tournament	12, 27
OBA Supervisor of Umpires	22
OBA Umpires Clinic	22
OBA Umpiring Committee	22
Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game	25
Office of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues	2
Officer of the parent affiliated association	24
Officer of the Protesting Club	24
Officer or Executive Member of the EOBA	6
Officers	3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 25, 26
official ejection	17
Official Field dimensions	21
Official Playing Rules of Baseball	23
Official Rules of Baseball	15, 18, 23
Official Scorekeeper	19, 20
one (1) additional delegate vote	6
one (1) Coach or Manager	21
one (1) delegate vote	6
one (1) game	26
one (1) Manager	12
one (1) Month prior to the Annual Meeting or Special General Meeting	6
one (1) or more Coaches	12
one (1) scheduled date deferral of the suspension	26
one (1) week	21
one (1) will be paid mileage allowance	23
one half (½) fees	23
Ontario Baseball Association	1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 22
Ontario Elimination Tournaments	19

Ontario playdowns	18
Ontario Summer Games	1
original place in the batting order	17
overnight courier services	11

P

parent or guardian	12
park or local curfew	18
Past Presidents	3, 4
Peewee	12, 13, 17, 27, 28
PeeWee	12, 15, 16, 23
Performance Bond	9, 10, 16, 24, 27
Permission to Enter Forms to OBA Sanctioned Tournaments	21
personally delivered	24
pitch	17
Pitcher of the Year	27
pitcher's mound	16
player	2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 26
Player	12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 26
Player of the Year	5, 27
player's number	23
playing over the age limit	26
playing position	20
playing season	2
playing with or against any Club or Players who are not registered with the EOBA	26
play-off forms	19
positions	3, 19
postal code	21, 22
postmarked	10, 19, 24
power to vote at all meetings of the Association	2
pre-game meeting	16
President	2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 24, 25
Presiding Officer	7, 8
printed first and last names,	19
printing first and last name	20
prize(s) or prize money	27
professional baseball club of the National or American League of Professional Baseball Clubs	2
properly released	12
protective baseball helmet	23
protective baseball helmet with flaps	23
Protest Committee	4
protest hearing	24
protest time of 48 hours	18
Protesting Club	24
protests	4, 23, 24, 25

Q

quorum for Executive meetings	3
quorum of the Executive	8

R

rain	18, 23
rained out games	16
re-entry	17
registered mail	24

Registrar	2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14
Registrar of the EOBA	14
registration fee	5, 6, 22
release from the applicable professional organization	2
Replacement of absentee Appointees	4
replacement umpires	22
report by telephone	20
reports	19, 23
representative of an Association or Club in good standing	6
request to uphold the Local Associations' suspension	26
results of all tournament and play-off games	20
right to play any place in the EOBA	14
right to voice or vote	6
right to vote	3, 7
rights of a delegate	3
Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure	7
Rookie Ball	12, 13, 16
Roster	11, 12
round-robin	21
Royal Canadian Legion Tournament	19

S

scheduling meeting	10, 15, 21
score	16, 17, 19, 20
score sheets	20
second consecutive year that a team is not registered	10
second Saturday before the August Civic Holiday	13
Second Vice-President	2
Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, xv	
Secretary of the EOBA	1
semi-final	19
Senior	10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 27
September 15 th of the preceding year	12
Series 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28	
Series Commissioner	16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25
Series Commissioners	3
seven (7) days	16
seven (7) EOBA league games	18
seven (7) innings	16, 17, 18
seven (7) or more complete innings	17
shoes with metal cleats	23
signatures are on file with the Bank	5
signed Manager and one (1) signed Coach	21
simple majority of the votes cast	7
six (6)	6, 16, 19
Six elected Directors	2
Special Assessment Fee	10
Special League Rule(s)	18
special requests	11
students	13
sub-committee	4
Sub-Committee	1, 4, 12, 24, 25
Sub-Committees	4
substitutions	17, 20
sudden death game	19

T

T-Ball	12
Team	2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 25, 27, 28

team at a smaller household category	13
team defaulting twice	16
Team entries	10
Team Entry Fee	10
team from the EOBA that plays in other leagues	27
Team of the Year	5, 28
Team Roster	12
Team/Club	13, 14, 27
team's batting line-up	17
Teams	16, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
telephone numbers	21, 22
ten (10) run mercy rule	16, 17, 18, 19
ten (10) runs or more	16, 17
than midnight of the first day of October	4
The Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (1982) Incorporated	1
<i>The Ed Christopher Association</i>	28
third or deciding game	22
Third or deciding game	19
third Sunday of March	10
thirty-six (36) hours	24
three (3) affiliated member Associations	5
three (3) consecutive monthly business meetings	3
three (3) or more consecutive League games	12
three (3) or more teams	3, 27
three (3) Umpires	23
throat guard	23
tie breakers	19
tie games	18
tournament	13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27
tournament records	13
Tournaments	5, 21
Town	18
Treasurer	2, 5, 6, 10, 27
true or altered double knock-out	21
twelve (12) hours	24
twelve (12) signed players	12
twenty-five (25) players	12
twenty-four (24) hours	19, 21, 23, 25
twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of each game	19
two (2) consecutive misses	3
two (2) hours	16, 17
two (2) or more games a week	18
two (2) signed Coaches	21
two (2) teams	16
two (2) umpires	22
two separate scheduled dates	16
TWO THIRDS MAJORITY	6, 7
two weeks prior to the date of the EOBA Annual General Meeting	6
two-thirds majority of the votes cast	7

U

Umpire Clinic Hosting	5
Umpire fees	20, 23
Umpire of the Year	5, 27
Umpire-in-Chief	19, 23
Umpires	19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
Umpires Association	22
Umpires Card	22
Umpire's Card	22
under 18 years of age	14
Under 25,000	13

up-to-date league standings	21
use of lights	20

V

Vice Presidents	4, 6
Vintage	12
Visiting Team	16, 20
Voluntary Retired List	2
vouchers, invoices, bills	5

W

weight to length differential of greater than five ounces	24
win/loss record	13
winning team	20
Women's	12, 13, 17, 18
Women's	12, 13, 17, 18
won/loss percentage	19
wood bats	24
wooden bats	23
written release	14