



2011

Select By-Laws

1. Governance

- a. A Committee of Select Convenors or other representatives appointed by Local Associations shall be formed and meet periodically through the year.
- b. The meeting will be chaired by the YSBA General Manager- Select.
- c. Decisions will be by consensus.

2. Team Entry

- a. All entries for teams to be entered in York Simcoe Select play must be entered into the YSBA Select Team Registration System no later than April 15.

3. Annual Fees

- a. There shall be an annual fee of \$ 275.00 for each team entered in York Simcoe Select league play. The fee is to be paid to the YSBA Treasurer no later than April 30. A team will not be allowed to participate in league play unless its entry fee has been paid in full. These fees are to be reviewed and set annually by the YSBA Board no later than January 31 of the current baseball year.
- b. At the time of team registration, all teams are required to prepay the fees for the YSBA Championship Tournament. Tournament fees for 2011 are \$215 for teams from Rookie Ball age to Pee Wee age and \$275 for Bantam age and up.
- c. Teams eligible to compete in the YSBA SOBA Qualifier tournament and required to prepay the fees for this tournament at the time of registration. Fees for 2011 are \$215 for teams from Rookie Ball to Pee Wee age and \$275 for Bantam age and older.
- d. These fees are to be reviewed and set annually by the YSBA Board no later than January 31 of the current baseball year

4. League Schedule

- a. The season schedule shall begin no earlier than the 4th Saturday in May.
- b. The season schedule shall be prepared and distributed in May of each year.
- c. The number of league games in all divisions shall be no less than 12.
- d. Should there be insufficient teams registered to complete a meaningful 12 game schedule, the General Manager will seek opportunities for Interlocking Schedules with near-by Associations.
- e. All league schedules are to be prepared by the Select Division Convenors and approved by the General Manager – Select.
- f. A Coaches Meeting will be scheduled for early May at which time mutually agreed changes to the schedule can be made. This schedule then becomes Official.

5. Umpires

- a. The home team will be responsible for providing two (2) Baseball Ontario carded umpires for all York Simcoe games.
- b. Umpires must be a minimum of 14 years of age and be as old as or older than the age of the players they are umpiring.

6. Games

- a. All games will be scheduled for 7 innings. An official game will be 4 innings, 3 ½ if the home team is ahead.
- b. The umpires shall announce the time of the first pitch and the game length shall be based on

- the umpire's timing device.
- c. All games should be scheduled with no new inning to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes (2 hours for Bantam and above) from the time of the first pitch unless games are played on diamonds where an earlier local curfew applies. All games should be completed to the end of the inning as long as the inning is started prior to the no new inning time. If the game cannot be completed because of diamond restrictions, the score will revert back to the last complete inning. .
 - d. For Regular Season play any game suspended by umpires due to weather (i.e., rain, lightning) will be replayed in its entirety unless the game has reached 4 complete innings (3½ if the Home team is ahead)
 - e. All game times shall be determined by the home team based on their park availability. In the event of bad weather, the visiting team should be advised a minimum of two hours before game time of cancellation, when feasible. Teams should use judgment based on travel time.

7. Playing Rules

- a. Regular season rules shall be official SOBA Provincial Tournament rules except where modified in these By-Laws.
- b. All players entering into a game must bat in a batting order submitted by the coach before the start of each game. Players arriving late, but before the batting line-up has been completed once, may be added to the batting line-up.
- c. All players must play at least 2 defensive innings (any position) in the first four innings of each game. (Failure to do so should be reported to the Select Division Convenor for further action).
- d. All coaches/players at 1st and 3rd base for all levels and the Coach/Pitcher in Rookie Ball are required to wear a protective helmet. (Failure to comply will result in the coach not being allowed to take the field and/or the ball not being put into play)
- e. In Mosquito/Tyke, base runners cannot leave the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and runners may not advance. 1 warning will be issued and for any further infractions thereafter, the runner will be called out. (Each team to receive 1 warning).
- f. In Mosquito/Tyke, if a runner is removed by reason of injury or official ejection from the game, the player last put out shall act as pinch runner for the removed player. By virtue of the rule there shall be no pinch runners allowed.
- g. In Mosquito/Tyke and PeeWee, a player must not be both a pitcher and a catcher in the same game.
- h. Pitchers may be removed at any time in the game. At all levels, no other mid-inning defensive substitutions are allowed unless caused by injury or for the purposes of allowing a player on the field to warm-up for pitching. In this latter case, the player so removed must be the team's next pitcher regardless of when that occurs.
- i. Teams at all levels may pinch-run with 2 outs for the next inning's catcher. The pinch runner shall be the last recorded out.
- j. A team may play with as few as 8 players. In such a case, every 9th at bat will be considered an automatic out. Teams with fewer than 8 players at any time will forfeit the game.

8. Pitch Count Limitations

- a. 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 the completion of that batter or the end of the inning.
 - i. Mosquito 70 pitches
 - ii. Peewee 80 pitches
 - iii. Bantam 90 pitches
 - iv. Midget 100 pitches

- b. 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.
 - i. Mosquito 45 pitches
 - ii. Peewee 55 pitches
 - iii. Bantam 65 pitches
 - iv. Midget 75 pitches
- c. A pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive days
- d. 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.
- e. The official scorekeeper shall designate the official pitch count recorder. Both teams shall record pitch count and should reconcile frequently. In case of dispute, the official pitch count recorder's record will be official.
- f. The official pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or the umpire.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.

9. Equipment/Uniforms

- a. The only baseballs to use in league games should be those as prescribed on the Approved Baseball List found in section P2-6 of the Baseball Ontario Constitution.
- b. For all Midget and older, only wood bats (including composite wood bats) shall be permitted. Metal/Wood bats are not to be considered wood bats
- c. All players and coaches will be dressed in a baseball team uniform as issued by their home association; minimum coach's uniform being an association issued golf shirt or T-shirt, long pants and a baseball cap.

10. YSBA Select Champions and Qualifiers to the Select Ontario Provincial Championships

- a. The YSBA shall host a tournament for each age Division to determine a YSBA Champion. All teams entered into the YSBA loop will be eligible to enter these tournaments.
- b. YSBA shall hold a SOBA Provincial Championship qualifier tournament for all age Divisions.
- c. Teams from outside YSBA will not be eligible to compete in the SOBA Provincial Qualifier Championship.
- d. Teams within YSBA whose Local Association is also a member of the South Simcoe Baseball Association will not be eligible to compete in the SOBA Provincial Qualifier Championship unless the Local Association declares that they do not wish to be considered an SSMBA team for Select purposes, including for seeking entry to the SOBA Provincials.
- e. The tournament format will be double knockout by default and the rules for all divisions shall follow approved Select Ontario Baseball Association (SOBA) Provincial Tournament rules and these By-Laws.
- f. The umpires shall be the responsibility of the tournament host.
- g. The host site shall provide baseballs.

11. Application for Hosting a SOBA Championship Division

- a. Any Local Association wishing to host a Select Ontario Baseball Championship should submit their application to the YSBA Secretary by no later than June 1 of the year in which the tournament is to be held. Applications coming in after this date will be reviewed after the on-

- time submissions. Local Associations may still apply after this deadline.
- b. The YSBA Executive will review the applications and make recommendations on which Locals will be granted permission to host tournaments to ensure that there are no overlaps and Locals are not competing against one and another to host the same tournament.
 - c. The YSBA Secretary **must** sign all tournament applications prior to these being submitted to the Select Ontario Baseball Ontario office.

12. Conduct

- a. Abusive language and arguing by players, coaches, managers and/or spectators will not be tolerated. Conduct of this kind may lead to an ejection from the current game and/or the park. Coaches and/or managers are responsible for the conduct of their fans. Umpires shall not engage any spectator and ask the appropriate coach/manager to deal with the situation and warn the coach/manager that if the situation is not corrected, the coach/manager may be ejected from the game.
- b. NO TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL PRODUCTS: Players and coaches listed on the lineup card must refrain from smoking or using tobacco products and using alcohol products during all games in and around the ball diamond and umpires will be asked to enforce this rule.
- c. Any player, coach or manager that is ejected from a game is automatically suspended from the team's next game regardless of whether it is a regular season or tournament game. A second ejection carries an automatic suspension of 3 games. For a third ejection in a season, the Ethics Committee will convene to determine the length of any suspension. Suspensions shall apply to all games including YSBA regular season games, YSBA Championships and SOBA Provincial Championships. The coach/manager shall be required to provide the YSBA with a schedule of games to be covered by the suspension. Any coach or player participating in a game in which he is supposed to be serving a suspension shall automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- d. All player and coach ejections must be reported by the umpire within 24 hours using the YSBA online incident reporting system.
- e. Upon receipt of the umpire's report, the Ethics Committee may elect to hold a hearing to determine if further action is required. If the Ethics Committee decides that a hearing is warranted, that hearing shall be scheduled no later than 7 days from receipt of the Umpire's report.
- f. The YSBA shall maintain the records of any disciplinary hearings for all coaches, players or managers that have had YSBA hearings. Furthermore, the YSBA Ethics Committee shall be informed of any coaches, players or managers that have had disciplinary hearings by their own Local Association and the results of those hearings, i.e. suspension but not the full details of those hearings. This information shall remain in confidence on file with the Ethics Committee Chair. The Local Associations may contact the Ethics Committee Chair to inquire about the status of any player, coach or manager but may not inquire about any of the details that affect that status.
- g. All spectators must comply with the local park rules. Failure to comply with park rules may lead to a spectator being asked to leave the park.

13. Defaults and Forfeits

- a. Any team that does not complete 90% of their YSBA scheduled games by the Wednesday prior to the commencement of the YSBA SOBA Qualifying Championship, may be disqualified from any further play
- b. The teams must set a date for a rescheduled game involved and the Select Division Convenor notified within 72 hours of the start time of the original schedule date. If the teams involved cannot agree on a date then the home team shall notify the Select Division Convenor that shall

set a date for the game, which will be binding on both teams.

14. Refunds

Any team admitted to the YSBA to be placed on a schedule will only be entitled to a refund if the General Manager - Select and Treasurer are informed of their inability to participate, prior to May 15 of each playing year.

15. Scores and Standings

- a. The Select Division Convenors shall be responsible for League Standings being issued on a timely basis.
- b. All game results must be submitted to the Select Division Convenor by **both teams** within 48 hours by e-mail. Teams shall notify the Select Division Convenor in the event of a rainout or rescheduled game.

16. Awards

- a. Each year the YSBA shall present Select awards to the following:
 - i. Junior Player of the Year (Pee Wee and below),
 - ii. Senior Player of the Year (Bantam and above),
 - iii. Junior Coach of the Year (Pee Wee and Below),
 - iv. Senior Coach of the Year (Bantam and Above),
 - v. Select Team of the Year, and
- b. All nominations must be into the YSBA Chair of the Awards Committee by no later than October 15 of the current year.

17. Coach Eligibility

- a. It is recommended that all Select coaches be certified to Level 1. Individual Local associations may request that their coaches be certified at a level that is higher than these guidelines but not lower.

18. Player Eligibility

- a. All players shall be registered to play within their local association.
- b. The following player eligibility rules will apply within the YSBA:
 - i. Local Associations shall enter Select Team rosters into the YSBA Select Team Registration System by June 30. A maximum of 20 players may be entered. (Failure to do so may mean ineligibility for competition in the YSBA Championship).
 - ii. Once registered, players may not change teams during the current playing season, including for another Select team from the same Local Association.
 - iii. No player may play or be called up to a division above his age group