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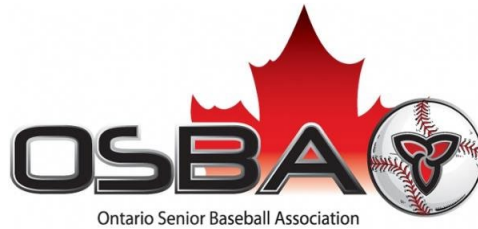
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Constitution of Ontario Senior Baseball Association

1. The name of this organization shall be “Ontario Senior Baseball Association”.
2. The objects of Ontario Senior Baseball Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or the “OSBA”) shall be:

The establishment of a baseball association for the purposes of

- Promoting interest in amateur baseball at the Senior level;
- Managing and operating an annual program of competition among teams comprised of adult players;
- Operating or supporting invitational tournaments among teams comprised of adult players;
- Establishing and granting prizes, awards and distinctions related to its annual program and invitational tournaments

and such other complementary purposes as are not inconsistent with these objects.

3. The activities of the Association shall be carried on throughout the Province of Ontario and may be carried on elsewhere.
4. The activities of the Association shall be carried out in conformity with its By-Laws.
5. The Association shall carry out its activities without pecuniary gain to its Members, and any profits or other accretions to the Association will be used in promoting its objects.
6. In the event of the dissolution or winding-up of the Association, all of its remaining assets, after payment of all of its liabilities, shall be distributed rateably among its Members at the time of dissolution or winding-up.
7. Any provision of this Constitution may be repealed or amended, or one or more new provisions may be enacted, by an affirmative vote, during a Members’ meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the matter, of that number of Member Representatives who represent more than 66 2/3% of the Members.



By-Laws of
Ontario Senior Baseball Association
 (hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or “OSBA”)

By-Law No. 1
Membership and Management

Article I – Interpretation

- 1.01 In this By-Law and in all other by-laws of the Association hereafter passed, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa.
- 1.02 In this By-Law and in all other by-laws of the Association hereafter passed,
- (a) “All-Star Team” means a team comprised of players drawn from two or more Teams that are Members of the Association, and that has been formed for the purpose of participating in an OSBA Representative Game;
 - (b) “Chair” at any Members’ meeting means the President of the Association, or, in his absence, either Vice-President of the Association, and if neither the President nor any Vice-President is present, by the person determined by a poll of the Member Representatives present;
 - (c) “Coach”, at a particular time, means any person who has at that time been recognized by the Executive Board as a manager, head coach or assistant coach of an adult baseball team that is a Member;
 - (d) “Convenor”, with respect to any regular season or Play-Off game hosted by a Member, means that Vice-President who is designated by the President at the beginning of the season as Convenor for such games hosted by that Member, and with respect to any Championship or OSBA Representative Game, means the President or, if the President is involved in such Game as a Player or Coach, one of the Vice-Presidents;
 - (e) “Executive Board” has the meaning ascribed to that term by Article VI of this By-Law;

- (f) except where the context otherwise requires, “game” means any regular-season game, any Play-Off game or any Championship game between any two Teams that are Members of the Association, or any game between any two All-Star Teams;
- (g) “Member” of the Association, at any time, means any adult baseball team that conforms at that time with the Conditions of Membership set out in Article II;
- (h) “Member Representative” means the individual recognized from time to time by the Executive Board as the sole voting representative of any Member of the Association;
- (i) “OSBA Representative Game” means any all-star game hosted by the Association and any game forming part of a tournament hosted by the Association;
- (j) “Past President”, at any particular time, means the person who held the position of President of the Association for the term of that office that immediately preceded the commencement of the term of office of the person who held the position of President of the Association at that time;
- (k) “Player”, at a particular time, means any person who has at that time been recognized by the Executive Board as a player on an adult baseball team that is a Member;
- (l) “Team” means any adult baseball team that is a Member; and
- (m) "Volunteer" at a particular time, means any person who has at that time agreed to stand for election or appointment to an office in the Association.

Article II – Conditions of Membership

- 2.01 The members of the Association at any particular time shall consist of all adult baseball teams, each of which
- (a) has been established in, and operates primarily in, the Province of Ontario;
 - (b) has at any prior time been accepted for membership by the Association in the manner prescribed in paragraph 2.02; and
 - (c) subsequent to the time at which it was last accepted for membership in the Association, has not withdrawn from the Association in the manner prescribed in paragraph 2.03 or been expelled from the Association in the manner prescribed in paragraph 2.04.
- 2.02 An adult baseball team (an “Applicant”) may be accepted as a member of the Association by a resolution of the Members. Such a resolution will be carried by a majority vote of the Member Representatives at a duly constituted Members’ meeting. In order to provide the Members with a basis for accepting or rejecting an application for membership in the Association, the Applicant shall submit a written application to the President of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Members’ meeting at which the application is to be considered. The President, in turn, shall circulate one copy of the written application to each Member Representative not less than ten (10) days prior to the Members’ meeting at which the application is to be considered. The

application shall include a declaration of the Applicant's intention to abide by and comply with the Association's Constitution and these By-Laws, and shall provide as much information about the Applicant as possible, including, in particular, a description of the Applicant's home diamond, a listing of its starting player roster, a summary of the credentials of its coaches, a description of player uniforms, a review of its connection with any local minor baseball association and its arrangements for securing home game umpires, and an indication as to the readiness of its players and coaches to contribute time and effort in the furtherance of the Association's objectives. Representatives of the Applicant shall also attend at the Members' meeting at which the application is to be considered for the purpose of presenting the application and responding to any questions of the Member Representatives.

- 2.03 Any Member may withdraw from the Association at any time by delivering to the President of the Association, by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, a letter of resignation. In addition, any Member that has not, on or before March 15 of a particular year, confirmed its intention to enter competition for that year by giving notice to the President of the Association, by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Association effective as of March 15 of that year.
- 2.04 A particular Member may at any time, by a resolution of the Members, be expelled from the Association as a consequence of its failure to abide by and comply with the Association's Constitution and these By-Laws, or as a consequence of conduct of persons connected with the Member considered to be contrary to the best interests of the Association and its Members. Such a resolution will be carried on the affirmative vote, at a duly constituted Members' meeting or in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4.02, of that number of Member Representatives who represent at least 75% of all of the Members, including those not represented at the Meeting. If the particular Member is not represented at the Members' meeting, or if the vote is taken in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4.02, then, within 10 days of the date of passage of the resolution, the Executive Board shall advise the Member of its expulsion by the delivery of a written notice to the Member Representative, by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise.
- 2.05 Where, partway through a season, a Team has withdrawn from the Association in the manner described in paragraph 2.03 or has been expelled from the Association in the manner described in paragraph 2.04, the result of each regular-season game played by that Team up to the date of withdrawal or expulsion shall stand, and each regular-season game scheduled to be played by the Team, and not yet played prior to the date of withdrawal or expulsion, shall be scored as a game forfeited to the opposing Team.

Article III – Meetings of Members

- 3.01 The Executive Board or the President or any Vice-President shall have the power to call a Members' meeting at any time. Generally, however, Members' meetings shall occur monthly from January through April of each year. The Executive Board shall call a Members' meeting at any other time on the written requisition of not less than three Members.
- 3.02 Any Members' meeting shall be held in such place in Ontario as may be determined by the Executive Board and on such day as the Executive Board may reasonably appoint.

- 3.03 Fourteen (14) days' written notice of any Members' meeting shall be given to each Member Representative. Notice of a Members' meeting may be delivered by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise. Notice of any Members' meeting during which special business is expected to be transacted shall contain sufficient information as to permit every Member Representative to form a reasoned judgement on the decision to be taken.
- 3.04 In respect of any Members' meeting, that number of Member Representatives present in person at the meeting who represent more than 60% of the Members will constitute a quorum.
- 3.05 All Coaches and Players may attend any Members' meeting. However, the Chair of each meeting shall accept, as the sole voting representative of a Member, the one individual from each Member that has been recognized by a majority of the members of the Executive Board as the Member Representative for that Member.
- 3.06 Where a Member Representative for a Member is not able to attend a Members' meeting, another Coach or Player from his Team may act as Member Representative for that Team for that meeting.
- 3.07 Where a Member is not represented by a Member Representative, or by a person attending in his place as described in paragraph 3.06, at more than one meeting in a season, a \$50.00 Absentee Penalty shall be levied upon the Member for the second and each subsequent meeting in that season at which the Member is not represented. The Absentee Penalty shall be levied by way of a charge against the Member's Performance Bond. The Treasurer shall transfer the proceeds of the Absentee Penalty to the operating funds of the Association.
- 3.08 A Member may appeal any Absentee Penalty imposed upon it under paragraph 3.07 by delivering a written notice of appeal, by registered mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, to the President. If delivered by registered mail, the appeal must be post-marked within 48 hours of the date of the meeting to which the Member failed to send a Member Representative or designate. If delivered in any other manner, the appeal must reach the President within 48 hours of that meeting. The President shall undertake a review of the appeal within five (5) days after receipt of the appeal, with the assistance of two other Member Representatives selected by him who are not connected in any way with the appellant. The reviewers shall determine whether the Absentee Penalty should be upheld or varied, and that determination shall not be subject to further appeal.
- 3.09 Each Member Representative present at a Members' meeting shall have the right to exercise one vote in arriving at the resolution of each question properly brought before the meeting. The Chair of the meeting can vote as the representative for his own team if no other member of the team is present.
- 3.10 Votes shall be cast by show of hands in any Members' meeting. However, the vote on a particular resolution shall be cast by secret ballot on the request of any Member Representative.
- 3.11 A majority of the votes cast by the Member Representatives present shall determine the resolution of each question properly brought before a Members' meeting, except where the vote or consent of a greater number of Member Representatives is required by these By-Laws. Where necessary, the Chair shall have the casting (i.e. tie-breaking on a 50/50 split) vote, if they did not already vote on the issue as their team's representative.

- 3.12 No error or omission in giving notice of any Members' meeting or any adjourned Members' meeting shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any Member Representative may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

Article IV – Resolutions of Members

- 4.01 Where an issue emerges at a time when it is judged by the Executive Board to be impracticable to convene a Members' meeting and the resolution of the matter would ordinarily require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Member Representatives present at a duly constituted Members' meeting, then, provided that the issue to be resolved is presented in writing, whether by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, by the Secretary, with the approval of the Executive Board, to all of the Member Representatives not less than 5 days prior to a call for the question, and not less than 75% of the Member Representatives have communicated their votes to the Secretary of the Association in writing, whether by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, within 48 hours of the call for the question, the resolution shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a duly constituted Members' meeting.
- 4.02 Where an issue emerges at a time when it is judged by the Executive Board to be impracticable to convene a Members' meeting and the resolution of the matter would ordinarily require the affirmative vote of more than a majority of the Member Representatives present at a duly constituted Members' meeting, then, provided that the issue to be resolved is presented in writing, whether by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, by the Secretary, with the approval of the Executive Board, to all of the Member Representatives not less than 5 days prior to a call for the question, and the required percentage of the Member Representatives have communicated their affirmative votes to the Secretary of the Association in writing, whether by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, within 48 hours of the call for the question, the resolution shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a duly constituted Members' meeting.

Article V – Amendment of By-Laws

- 5.01 Any By-Law of the Association may be repealed or amended, or one or more new by-laws may be enacted, by an affirmative vote, during a Members' meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said by-law or in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4.02, of that number of Member Representatives who represent more than 66 2/3% of the Members. Where a By-Law, or an amendment to a By-Law, has been enacted, any proposal for the further amendment to, or the repeal of, that By-Law may be raised for consideration within the calendar year in which enactment of the By-Law or the amendment occurred only by an affirmative vote, during a Members' meeting duly called for the purpose of reconsidering the said by-law or in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4.02, of that number of Member Representatives who represent more than 75% of the Members.

Article VI – Executive Board

- 6.01 The property and activities of the Association shall be managed by the Executive Board, which shall be comprised of the Past President of the Association and the individuals serving in the following elected offices:

President
 Vice-President – East
 Vice-President – West
 Treasurer
 Secretary

- 6.02 The Executive Board shall administer the affairs of the Association in all things and make or cause to be made for the Association, in its name, any kind of contract which the Association may lawfully enter into and, generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the Association is, by its Constitution and By-Laws or otherwise, authorized to exercise and do.
- 6.03 The members of the Executive Board and all other Officers of the Association shall serve as such without remuneration and no member of the Executive Board or other Officer of the Association shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such, provided that a member of the Executive Board or an Officer of the Association may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

Article VII – Election of Officers

- 7.01 The following Officers of the Association shall each be elected for a term of two years during a duly constituted Members' meeting called for the purpose of such election and held in January of every second year following the year 2007:

President
 Vice-President – East
 Vice-President – West
 Treasurer
 Secretary

- 7.02 Any Coach or Player is eligible for election or appointment to any office. Any Volunteer is eligible for election or appointment to any office other than the office of President. However, the nomination of any candidate for an office, and the seconding of any such nomination, must be made by a Member Representative.
- 7.03 The position of Vice-President – East must be served by a Coach or Player from a Team that operates in, or by a Volunteer who resides within, the eastern part of the area served by the Association. The position of Vice-President – West must be served by a Coach or Player from a Team that operates in, or by a Volunteer who resides within, the western part of the area served by the Association. Otherwise, a person may be elected and/or appointed to more than one office, except that the President may not also serve as one of the Vice-Presidents. Further, no two Coaches and/or Players from the same Member may serve as both the President and one of the Vice-Presidents.

- 7.04 If an elected officer shall vacate his office before the expiry of its term, the Executive Board may appoint a replacement from among the Coaches and Players of the Members to serve the remainder of that term or may appoint a Volunteer as a replacement for the remainder of the term of any officer other than the President.
- 7.05 The President shall appoint the following additional Officers as necessary:

Registrar
 Umpire-in-Chief – East
 Umpire-in-Chief – West
 OSBA Tournament Convenors
 OSBA Scheduler
 OSBA Web Master
 OSBA Statistician
 Second Signing Officer

Article VIII – Duties of Officers

- 8.01 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all Members' meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Board. He shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Members are carried into effect. He shall have the general and active management of the affairs of the Association. In particular, he shall be empowered to take any such action on behalf of the Association as he may consider necessary and in the best interests of the Association, provided that such action complies with the Association's Constitution and these By-Laws, where it is evident that, in the circumstances, it would be impractical to attempt to convene a Members' meeting in conformity with the provisions of Article III or to secure a Resolution of Member Representatives in conformity with the provisions of Article IV. However, where he has taken action in this manner, he shall report fully on the action taken, and the reasons for doing so without referring the matter to all of the Member Representatives, at the next duly constituted Members' meeting, and he may be subject to a motion of censure if a majority of the Member Representatives present at that meeting consider that the President's determination to take such action without the prior approval of the Members was inappropriate.
- 8.02 The Vice-Presidents shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as shall be imposed upon them under these By-Laws or, from time to time, by the Members.
- 8.03 The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and securities of the Association and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the Association in the books belonging to the Association and shall deposit all monies, securities and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such chartered bank or trust company, or, in the case of securities, in such registered dealer in securities, as may be designated by the Members from time to time. He shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be directed by proper authority, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Members at each Members' meeting, or whenever they may require it, an accounting of all the transactions and a statement of the financial position of the Association. All disbursements of the Association shall be made by cheque signed by both the Treasurer and the Second Signing

Officer. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Members.

- 8.04 The Secretary shall attend all Members' meetings, act as clerk thereof and record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in the books to be kept for that purpose. He shall give or cause to be given notice of all Members' meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Members.
- 8.05 All other officers of the Association shall perform such duties as the Members may require of them.

Article IX – Committees

- 9.01 The President may appoint committees whose members will hold their offices at the will of the President. The President shall determine the duties of such committees

Article X – Persons Ineligible for Office

- 10.01 Any person may at any time, by a resolution of the Members, be declared "Ineligible for Office" as a consequence of his failure to abide by and comply with the Association's Constitution and these By-Laws, or as a consequence of conduct considered to be contrary to the best interests of the Association and its Members. Such a resolution will be carried on the affirmative vote, at a duly constituted Members' meeting, of that number of Member Representatives who represent at least 75% of all of the Members, including those not represented at the Meeting.
- 10.02 A person who has been declared "Ineligible for Office" pursuant to a resolution of the Members made according to paragraph 10.01 may not stand for election, or be appointed, to any office in the Association and/or may not serve as a Member Representative and/or may not be appointed to serve the Association as a member of any committee or in any other capacity.
- 10.03 Where a person who has been declared "Ineligible for Office" pursuant to a resolution of the Members made according to paragraph 10.01 holds an office in the Association and/or serves as a Member Representative and/or has been appointed to serve the Association as a member of any committee or in any other capacity, he shall be removed from that office and/or shall cease to be recognized as a Member Representative and/or shall suffer the revocation of any appointment with effect from the date of the resolution.
- 10.04 A person who has been declared "Ineligible for Office" pursuant to a resolution of the Members made according to paragraph 10.01 may apply to the President for reversal of that declaration on any date that is not less than one year after the date of the resolution. The application must be made in writing, whether by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, and will be accepted on the affirmative vote, at the next duly constituted Members' meeting, of that number of Member Representatives who represent at least 75% of all of the Members, including those not represented at the Meeting.

By-Law No. 2

Financing of the Association

Article I – Performance Bonds

- 1.01 Every Member shall remit to the Association, immediately after acceptance of an application for membership in the Association as provided in paragraph 2.02 of By-Law No. 1, the sum of \$200.00 as a Performance Bond.
- 1.02 The Association shall account for all funds received as Performance Bonds separate from its operating funds, and shall ensure that the total of its cash on hand, its cash in the bank and the cost of its baseball inventories never declines to an amount that is less than the aggregate of all Member Performance Bonds. The Association may at any time, by way of a transfer to its operating funds or of a disbursement of funds, each in the manner prescribed in these By-Laws, draw down the amount of a particular Member's Performance Bond by the amount of any Absentee Penalty, Protest Fee, Forfeiture Fine, Re-Scheduling Fine or other charge that may be assessed against the Member.
- 1.03 Where the Performance Bond of a particular Member has been drawn down by any amount, the Treasurer shall advise the Member of the amount of, and the reasons for, the drawdown by notice in writing, delivered by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise. The Member shall have a period of 10 days from the date of the notice within which to replenish the Performance Bond.
- 1.04 The failure of any Member to replenish a Performance Bond as required by paragraph 1.03 may result in expulsion of the Member from the Association in the manner provided in paragraph 2.04 of By-Law No. 1.
- 1.05 In the event of the dissolution or winding-up of the Association, the Association shall return to the Member any balance of the Member's Performance Bond. In addition, where a Member has withdrawn from the Association in the manner described in paragraph 2.03 of Article II of By-Law No. 1 or has been expelled from the Association in the manner described in paragraph 2.04 of Article II of By-Law No. 1, the Association shall return to the Member any balance of the Member's Performance Bond provided that the withdrawal or expulsion is effective between November 1 of a year and March 15 of the next following year.
- 1.06 If the Association is unable to return a Performance Bond of a withdrawn or expelled Member as required in paragraph 1.05, the Association will retain the Performance Bond for up to 5 years. After 5 years, the Performance Bond will be absorbed into the Association's operating funds.

Article II – Operating Fees

- 2.01 At the Members' meeting held in April of each year, every Member shall remit to the Association an annual Operating Fee.
- 2.02 The amount of the Operating Fee shall be recommended by the Treasurer based upon a Budget presented at the Members' meeting held in March of each year and approved by a vote of the Member Representatives at that meeting.

- 2.03 The failure of any Member to remit the Operating Fee as required by paragraph 2.01 may result in expulsion of the Member from the Association in the manner provided in paragraph 2.04 of By-Law No. 1.

By-Law No. 3

Rules of Competition – Player/Coach Eligibility and Qualification of Umpires

Article I – Player/Coach Eligibility and Player Limits

- 1.01 In order to participate in OSBA activities, a player or coach must;

- a) be at least 18 years of age prior to January 1st of the current season.
- b) comply with all OBA and OSBA registration requirements.

Any player or coach who does not fulfil the requirements above is an Ineligible Person and may not participate in baseball activities with any Member Team.

- 1.02 Any person who is not in good standing financially with any Team is an Ineligible Person and may not participate in any game of any other Team. A Team may declare that a person is not in good financial standing with that Team, or renew a prior declaration, by submitting the name of that person to the President and the Secretary, together with a description of the person's obligation to, or in respect of his involvement with, the Team. Such declaration must be submitted to the Secretary on or before the date of the second last meeting of Members to occur prior to the commencement of a season (usually the March meeting). The Secretary shall circulate the declaration among the members of the Executive Board for their review. If accepted by a majority of the members of the Executive Board, the declaration shall have effect until the earlier of the date on which the Team withdraws the declaration or the date that is one year after submission of the declaration. A declaration that has ceased to have effect may not be resubmitted at any later date.
- 1.03 Any person who, at any time during a year, participates as a player in any regular-season game of a Team, is an Ineligible Person for that year with respect to any other Team, and may not participate in any game of any other Team.

This prohibition shall not apply to a person (a "Released Player") who, at any time during a year, participates as a player in any regular-season game of a Team that was a Member at that time, where:

- (a) that person has been granted a Release by the Team
- (b) the Release has been accepted and confirmed by the Executive Board; and
- (c) the person has not taken part in any games of the Team after the granting of the Release.

For this purpose, where a Team has withdrawn from the Association in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 2.03 of Article II of By-Law No. 1, it shall be deemed to have granted a Release to every person who

- (a) at any time during that year prior to the Team's withdrawal from the Association, has participated as a player in any regular-season game of the Team; and
- (b) was in good standing financially with that team at the time of its withdrawal from the Association.

In any other case, a Team may grant a Release only to a person who is Player a described in subparagraph 3.02(b) of Article III of By-Law No. 5, and may not grant a release to any person who has, during that year, been granted a Release by any other Team.

Where a Team has failed to grant a Release to a person who satisfies the requirements described above, the person may apply to the President for a Release. The President shall refer the request to the Executive Board who shall review the matter and determine whether it is in the best interests of all concerned, including the Association, to grant the release.

Any game in which a Released Player has participated prior to the date of his former Team's withdrawal from the Association or prior to the date of confirmation of his Release by the Executive Board shall not be taken into account in determining whether the person is eligible to participate in any OSBA Play-Off game or OSBA Championship game (see subparagraph 3.02(b) of Article III of By-Law No. 5).

- 1.04 Any player who participates with, or signed with, a Senior Intercounty team during the current season will be ineligible to play in OSBA during the current season, with the following exception:

If a player receives a written release from a Senior Intercounty team prior to July 1st of the current season, that player would then be eligible to play in OSBA.

Any Senior Intercounty release must be forwarded to the League President and Secretary prior to the player playing in OSBA.

The penalty for a team caught using a non-released Senior Intercounty Baseball League player would be any games in which the team used the ineligible player would be forfeited.

- 1.05 Any person may at any time, by a resolution of the Members, be declared an "Ineligible Person" as a consequence of his failure to abide by and comply with the Association's Constitution and these By-Laws, or as a consequence of conduct considered to be contrary to the best interests of the Association and its Members. A person who has been so declared an Ineligible Person may not participate in any game of any Team for any season. Such a resolution will be carried on the vote, at a duly constituted Members' meeting, of that number of Member Representatives who represent at least 75% of the Members. The affected person shall be invited to attend the Members' meeting at which this vote is conducted, for the purpose of presenting opposing arguments.
- 1.06 A person who has been declared an "Ineligible Person" pursuant to a resolution of the Members made according to paragraph 1.03 may apply to the President for reversal of that declaration on

any date that is not less than one year after the date of the resolution. The application must be made in writing, whether by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, and will be accepted on the affirmative vote, at the next duly constituted Members' meeting, of that number of Member Representatives who represent at least 75% of the Members. The affected person shall be invited to attend the Members' meeting at which this vote is conducted, for the purpose of presenting his case prior to the vote.

- 1.07 Any Member that permits the participation of an Ineligible Person in a game shall be charged with a forfeit of that game (see Article III of By-Law No. 4).

Article II – Qualification of Umpires

- 2.01 Each game shall be officiated by not less than two (2) umpires, each of whom holds a valid umpire's card.
- 2.02 The umpires shall be assigned and paid by the home Team. Neither umpire officiating in any game shall be an immediate family member of any Coach or Player, nor may either umpire officiating any game be in any way affiliated with either Team participating in the game.
- 2.03 If, for any reason, one of the two umpires scheduled for a game fails to appear, an independent party may be invited to umpire the bases only. In such an event, both the home Team and the visiting Team shall immediately report the event to the Convenor for such further action as he may determine.
- 2.04 If both of the umpires scheduled for a game fail to appear within 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the home Team shall be charged with a forfeit of the game (see Article III of By-Law No. 4). However, should circumstances warrant it, the home Team may appeal the forfeit to the Executive Board.
- 2.05 If the home Team permits an ineligible person to officiate in a game, it shall be charged with a forfeit of the game (see Article III of By-Law No. 4).

By-Law No. 4

Rules of Competition – Protests and Disciplinary Matters

Article I – Protests

- 1.01 Whenever a Team protests the outcome of a game based upon an alleged misapplication of the rules by game officials, the protest will not be recognized unless the umpires and the opposing Team are notified at the time the play under protest occurs and before the next pitch, play or attempted play takes place. Evidence that the protest has been lodged must be entered on the protesting Team's score sheet, accompanied by the signatures of the umpires and the Manager or Coach of the opposing Team. The umpires must hand write a report of the protest at the end of the game, review it with the Managers/Coaches of the two Teams and deliver it to the Manager or Coach of the protesting Team for delivery to the Convenor. The protest of a regular season game,

together with a copy of the umpires' hand written report, must be delivered to the Convenor, with copies to the Member Representative connected with the opposing Team, by electronic mail and must reach the Convenor within 48 hours of the end of the game under protest. The protest of a Play-Off or Championship game, together with a copy of the umpires' hand written report, must be delivered to the Convenor, with copies to the Member Representative connected with the opposing Team, by electronic mail and must reach the Convenor within 3 hours of the end of the game under protest.

- 1.02 A Team that wishes to protest the eligibility of a Player, or any other matter unrelated to the outcome of a game, may do so by delivering a written protest to the Convenor by registered mail, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise.
- 1.03 Except in the case of any protest requiring a ruling on the eligibility of a Player, a \$50.00 Protest Fee shall be levied upon the protesting Team by way of a charge against the protesting Team's Performance Bond. The Treasurer shall restore the protesting Team's Performance Bond by the amount of the Protest Fee if the protest is upheld. However, if the protest is denied, the Treasurer shall transfer the proceeds of the Protest Fee to the operating funds of the Association.
- 1.04 The protest shall be ruled upon by a Protest Committee, which shall be appointed by the President from time to time as required. Each Protest Committee shall be comprised of three (3) persons, none of whom is connected with either of the Teams or other parties that are likely to be affected by the ruling.
- 1.05 Within five (5) days of receipt of the protest of a regular season game, or by noon of the next day in the case of a protest of a Play-Off or Championship game, the Protest Committee shall issue its ruling in writing, and copies of the ruling shall be delivered to all of the Teams or other parties that are affected by the ruling by electronic mail.
- 1.07 A ruling of any Protest Committee shall not be subject to appeal.
- 1.07 If it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, the violation adversely affected the protesting Team's chances of winning the game. Should the ruling of any Protest Committee require that a game be replayed, the Convenor shall have oversight in all matters pertaining to the replay of the game.

Article II – Ejections and Suspensions

- 2.01 At the beginning of each season, the President shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee for the East comprised of the Convenor for the East (the Vice-President – East) and not less than 3 other Players and/or Coaches from Teams that operate generally in the eastern part of the area served by the Association, and a Disciplinary Committee for the West comprised of the Convenor for the West (the Vice-President – West) and not less than 3 other Players and/or Coaches from Teams that operate generally in the western part of the area served by the Association.
- 2.02 Each Convenor shall submit to his appointed Disciplinary Committee a report of each incident in which a Player or Coach was ejected from a game hosted by a Member within his jurisdiction. Each Convenor shall also submit to his appointed Disciplinary Committee a report of each incident

occurring before, during or after a game hosted by a Member within his jurisdiction that did not result in an ejection of a Player or Coach but that, in the opinion of the Convenor, warrants disciplinary review. The Convenor shall submit with his report to the Disciplinary Committee copies of all Incident Reports received by him from the Coaches of both Teams participating in the game, from the Umpires who officiated in such game and from any other person who was present at such game who completed an Incident Report, either voluntarily or at the request of the Convenor, together with such other information, including information concerning prior incidents of precedential value, as may permit an appropriate and fully informed review by the Disciplinary Committee.

- 2.03 Where a Player or Coach is ejected from a game for any reason, the following rules shall apply:
- (a) Where the ejection is the first incident resulting in the imposition of a penalty upon the Player or Coach for the season, the offending Player or Coach shall serve an automatic one-game suspension in the next following game in which he is scheduled to appear.
 - (b) Where the ejection is the second incident resulting in the imposition of a penalty upon the Player or Coach for the season (including any penalty imposed under paragraph 2.04 or 2.05), the offending Player or Coach shall serve an automatic three-game suspension in the next following three games in which he is scheduled to appear.
 - (c) Where the ejection is the third incident resulting in the imposition of a penalty upon the Player or Coach for the season (including any penalty imposed under paragraph 2.04 or 2.05), the offending Player or Coach shall serve the suspension of all subsequent Games until a review of the conduct of the offending Player or Coach has been concluded. The President shall undertake such a review within five (5) days after the day of the ejection, with the assistance of two other Member Representatives selected by him who are not connected in any way with the offending Player or Coach. The reviewers shall determine the duration of the suspension, and that determination shall not be subject to appeal.
 - (d) The President or his designate shall notify the affected Player or Coach, and the Member Representative connected with the Player or Coach, of the result of any review conducted pursuant to subparagraph 2.03 (c). Such notice shall be delivered in writing, by electronic mail otherwise.
 - (e) Any suspension imposed or upheld in any review conducted pursuant to subparagraph 2.03 (c) shall be served by the Player or Coach in the games immediately following the date of the written notice given by the President or his designate.
- 2.04 Where the Convenor, in consultation with the members of the Executive Board, is satisfied, based upon the Incident Reports submitted to him, that the actions of a Player or Coach in any incident, whether or not the Player or Coach was ejected as a result of that incident, should be considered “fighting”, he shall require that the Player or Coach serve, in addition to any automatic suspension otherwise imposed under these By-Laws, a further non-appealable five-game suspension.

- 2.05 Where the Convenor, in consultation with the members of the Executive Board, is satisfied, based upon the Incident Reports submitted to him, that the actions of a Player or Coach in any incident, whether or not the Player or Coach was ejected as a result of that incident, should be considered “instigation”, he shall require that the Player or Coach serve, in addition to any automatic suspension otherwise imposed under these By-Laws, a further non-appealable five-game suspension. For this purpose, “instigation” shall be viewed as including, without limitation, behaviour of the following kind: menacing attitude or posture, including charging at another person without contact; verbal instigation or threat; and persistent taunting or “chirping”.
- 2.06 Any Player or Coach who is ejected from a game shall immediately leave the park. Where the Convenor, in consultation with the members of the Executive Board, is satisfied, based upon the Incident Reports submitted to him, that the ejected Player or Coach failed to leave the park within a reasonable amount of time after being ejected, or created any disturbance whatever after being ejected, he shall require that the Player or Coach serve, in addition to any automatic suspension otherwise imposed under these By-Laws, a non-appealable three-game suspension. Any Player or Coach who is serving a suspension during a game shall remain absent from the park throughout the game. The behaviour of any Player or Coach who fails to comply with this requirement will be subject to a review by the President and/or a committee appointed by him who may, as a result of the review, impose additional suspensions upon the Player or Coach who was ejected or who was serving a suspension, and upon such member of the coaching staff of the related Team as the President and/or his committee may designate.
- 2.07 A Coach of each Team that has participated in a game from which any Player or Coach was ejected shall be required to submit a written Incident Report, by electronic mail or otherwise, to the Convenor designated for the Member by whom the game was hosted, to describe the events giving rise to the ejection. The Incident Reports must be submitted within 48 hours after completion of the game in which the ejection occurred, in the form provided on the OSBA website. If no Incident Report has been submitted by a Coach of a Team within the prescribed time frame, the Convenor shall impose a two-game suspension upon the most senior member of the coaching staff of the offending Team as was present at the Game in which the ejection occurred. This suspension shall not be subject to appeal. For this purpose, an Incident Report shall be treated as not having been submitted if, upon a comparison of the Incident Report with other Incident Reports submitted to the Convenor, it is considered by the Convenor, in consultation with the members of the Executive Board, to be incomplete in any material respect or to omit material facts.
- 2.08 A Coach of the home Team in a game from which any Player or Coach was ejected shall be required to include in his Incident Report the names, contact information, and OBA card numbers of all umpires who officiated the game, and shall be responsible for requesting the submission of an Incident Report by each umpire. If the Coach of the home Team fails to comply with these requirements, his Incident report shall be considered incomplete in a material respect (see paragraph 2.07). If any umpire fails to submit an Incident Report after having been asked to do so, the Association will report his inaction to the OBA or such other carding authority as may have jurisdiction.
- 2.09 If a suspended Player or Coach takes part in any game before fully serving his suspension, a further three-game suspension shall be imposed upon that Player or Coach. In addition, a three-game suspension shall be imposed upon the Team’s head Coach or, if the suspended Player or Coach

was the head Coach, upon such other member of the Team as the Convenor may designate. In addition, the Team to which the suspended Player or Coach belongs shall be charged with the forfeit (see Article III) of each subsequent game in which the suspended Player or Coach participates before he has served the suspension in its entirety. These additional suspensions and game forfeitures shall not be subject to appeal.

- 2.10 Any suspensions imposed upon a Player or Coach pursuant to paragraphs 2.07 or 2.08 shall be served by the Player or Coach in the games immediately following the date of written notice given by the Convenor, such notice to be delivered in writing, by electronic mail or otherwise, to the Member Representative connected with the affected Player or Coach.
- 2.11 (a) With respect to any ejection described in subparagraphs 2.03 (a) or (b) or paragraphs 2.04 and 2.05, and with respect to any other incident occurring before, during or after a game that, in the opinion of the Convenor, warrants disciplinary review, the Disciplinary Committee may impose an “Additional Suspension” on the completion of its review of the Convenor’s report, according to its assessment of the gravity of the matter. The Convenor, on behalf of the Disciplinary Committee, shall provide notice of any Additional Suspension recommended by the Disciplinary Committee, such notice to be delivered in writing, by electronic mail or otherwise, to the Member Representative connected with the affected Player or Coach.
- (b) Any Additional Suspension imposed upon a Player or Coach pursuant to subparagraph 2.11 (a) shall be served by the Player or Coach in the Games immediately following the date of written notice given by the Convenor, unless the Player or Coach has lodged an appeal with the President that conforms with the requirements set out in subparagraph 2.11 (c).
- (c) A Player or Coach may appeal any Additional Suspension imposed upon him under subparagraph 2.11 (a) by delivering a written notice of appeal, by registered electronic mail or otherwise, to the President. The appeal must reach the President within 48 hours of the date of the Convenor’s notice. The President shall refer the appeal to the appointed Disciplinary Committee of the other Convenor, which shall undertake a review of the appeal within five (5) days after receipt of the appeal. This second Disciplinary Committee shall determine whether the Additional Suspension initially imposed by the first Disciplinary Committee should be upheld, reduced or increased, and that determination shall not be subject to further appeal.
- 2.12 (a) The second Convenor, on behalf of the second Disciplinary Committee, shall notify the affected Player or Coach, and the Member Representative connected with the Player or Coach, of the result of any review conducted pursuant to subparagraph 2.11 (c). Such notice shall be delivered in writing, by registered electronic mail or otherwise.
- (b) Any suspension imposed or upheld in any review conducted pursuant to subparagraph 2.11 (c) shall be served by the Player or Coach in the games immediately following the date of the written notice given by the Convenor.
- 2.13 Any suspension must be served in its entirety, as a consequence of which a suspended Player or Coach may be obliged to serve part or all of the suspension during play-off games or, if necessary, during regular-season games in a subsequent season. In addition, a Player or Coach who is serving

a suspension may not participate in any OSBA Representative Game that occurs during the period of that suspension.

Article III – Forfeitures

- 3.01 A game may be forfeited to the opposing Team when a Team:
- (a) Is unable or refuses to place eight players on the field at the appointed hour for the beginning of the game, or at any time thereafter during the game;
 - (b) Fails to appear upon the field, or, being upon the field, refuses to start play within 5 minutes after the umpire has called “Play”, at the appointed hour for beginning the game, unless such delayed appearance is, in the umpire’s judgment, unavoidable;
 - (c) Employs tactics palpably designed to delay or shorten the game;
 - (d) Refuses to continue play during a game unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire;
 - (e) Fails to resume play, after a suspension, within one minute after the umpire has called “Play”;
 - (f) After warning by the umpire, wilfully and persistently violates any rules of the game;
 - (g) Fails to obey within a reasonable time the umpire’s order for the removal of a coach or a player from the game;
 - (h) Fails to appear for the second game of a double header within 30 minutes after the close of the first game unless the umpire shall have extended the time of the intermission; or
 - (i) Permits the participation of an Ineligible Person in a game.
- 3.02 Where a game has been forfeited by a Team to an opposing Team, the forfeiting Team shall be charged with a loss to the opposing Team by a score of 7 - 0 and shall be assessed a Forfeiture Fine. In addition, in determining the standings for the regular season (see Article II of By-Law No. 5), two points shall be deducted from the cumulative total of points earned by the forfeiting Team in respect of the forfeited game. The imposition of the Forfeiture Fine and the deduction of two points in arriving at the standings for the regular season shall not be subject to protest or appeal.
- 3.03 The opposing Team shall notify the Convenor and the OSBA Statistician of the forfeiture within one full day following the day on which the forfeiture occurred. The OSBA Statistician, in turn, shall notify the Treasurer of the forfeiture and shall provide the Treasurer with sufficient information as to enable him to process the prescribed Forfeiture Fine.
- 3.04 The Treasurer shall draw down the forfeiting Team’s Performance Bond by the amount of the Forfeiture Fine, and shall distribute the proceeds of the drawdown according to the requirements of paragraphs 3.06 and 3.07.

- 3.05 Any Team that fails, in respect of a drawdown made to satisfy a Forfeiture Fine, to replenish its Performance Bond within the timeframe prescribed by paragraph 1.03 of By-Law No. 2 shall forfeit every game played thereafter until the Performance Bond is replenished.
- 3.06 Where the forfeiting Team forfeits a single game, it shall be assessed a Forfeiture Fine in the amount of \$100.00. If the home Team is the forfeiting Team, and it has failed to give at least 72 hours' notice of an anticipated forfeiture of a regular season game to the visiting Team, the Treasurer shall remit the proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the visiting Team. If the visiting Team is the forfeiting Team, and it has failed to give the home Team at least 72 hours' notice of an anticipated forfeiture of a regular season game, the Treasurer shall remit the proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the home Team. In any other case, the Treasurer shall transfer the proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the Association's operating funds.
- 3.07 Where the forfeiting Team forfeits a double header, it shall be assessed a Forfeiture Fine in the amount of \$200.00. If the home Team is the forfeiting Team, and it has failed to give at least 72 hours' notice of an anticipated forfeiture of a regular season game to the visiting Team, the Treasurer shall remit \$100.00 out of the proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the visiting Team. If the visiting Team is the forfeiting Team, and it has failed to give the home Team at least 72 hours' notice of an anticipated forfeiture of a regular season game, the Treasurer shall remit \$100.00 out of the proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the home Team. In these cases, the Treasurer shall transfer the balance of the proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the Association's operating funds, and in any other case, he shall transfer the entire proceeds of the Forfeiture Fee to the Association's operating funds.
- 3.08 In the event of a third instance of forfeiture by a Team in a season, the Team's circumstances shall be subjected to a review. For this purpose, the forfeiture of a double header shall be considered a single instance of forfeiture. The Convenor shall undertake such a review within five (5) days after the day of the third instance of forfeiture, with the assistance of two other Member Representatives selected by him who are not connected in any way with the Team in question, together with one or more representatives of that Team.
- 3.09 A fourth instance of forfeiture by a Team in a season shall automatically result in suspension of the Team for the balance of the season, including the play-offs. Where a Team is suspended in this manner, the result of each regular season game played by that Team up to the time of suspension shall stand, and each regular season game scheduled to be played by the Team, and not yet played prior to the time of suspension, shall be scored as a game forfeited to the opposing Team.

Article IV – Re-Scheduling

- 4.01 Where any game has been postponed owing to inclement weather, or for any other reason beyond the control of either participating Team (e.g., failure of lighting system), or by agreement between the two Teams in order to resolve conflicts with other events, the home Team shall immediately notify the Convenor, the OSBA Scheduler and the OSBA Statistician of the postponement.
- 4.02 The home Team and the visiting Team shall be held equally responsible for re-scheduling the game, in consultation one with the other, for completion on a date that is no later than during the penultimate week (including holiday Mondays) of the regular season. The two Teams will have

15 days from the date on which the scheduled game was to have occurred to come to an agreement, failing which they may become liable to the penalties set out in paragraph 4.04. The home Team shall be responsible for giving notice of the re-scheduled game to both the Convenor and the OSBA Statistician as soon as an agreement has been reached.

- 4.03 Should postponement occur during the penultimate week of the regular season; the final week of the regular season must then be used for re-scheduling purposes. The two Teams will have 3 days from the date on which the scheduled game was to have occurred to come to an agreement, failing which they may become liable to the penalties set out in paragraph 4.04. The home Team shall be responsible for giving notice of the re-scheduled game to both the Convenor and the OSBA Statistician as soon as an agreement has been reached.
- 4.04 If either the home Team or the visiting Team considers that the other Team has failed to co-operate in settling on a date for a re-scheduled game, that Team may appeal to the President who shall, in consultation with the other members of the Executive Board, assign responsibility for the failure to re-schedule to one Team or the other, and may declare the game forfeit in favour of the other Team. Should the Executive Board so determine, it may hold that both Teams are responsible for the failure to re-schedule and declare a double forfeit. In particular, where two Teams fail to re-schedule the postponed game on a date no later than the last day of the regular season, they shall be charged with a double forfeit.
- 4.05 Any games postponed during the final week of the regular season shall not be subject to forfeiture penalties including Performance Bond fines (see 3.06 and 3.07 of By-Law No. 4), Team standings points (see 2.02 of By-Law No. 5), and/or Player playoff eligibility (see 3.02 of By-Law No. 5).

Article V – Game Completion Agreement

- 5.01 Under a situation of play in which “No Game” is declared by the umpires. The Designated Coaches of both Teams may appeal to the President to suspend the game via a Game Completion Agreement. This agreement must be sent via email, to the President, copying both coaches while they are still at the park. The email should include the exact situation in which they are requesting the game to be resumed. If approved by the President, the game will become suspended and continued at a later date consistent with OSBA Regulations.
- 5.02 By submitting a Game Completion Agreement, both Teams accept that if the game is approved to be resumed, the results will be final with no further recourse available to either Team.

By-Law No. 5

Rules of Competition – Organization of Regular Season Competitive Structure, Regular Season Standings and Conduct of OSBA Play-Off and OSBA Championship Series

Article I – Organization of Competitive Structure

- 1.01 For competitive and scheduling purposes, the Teams entered in competition for a season, as determined according to Article II of By-Law No. 1, shall be organized into such Competitive

Levels (conferences, divisions, tiers, etc.) as may be agreed by the Members prior to the commencement of the season, usually at the March meeting of Members.

- 1.02 The Association shall establish the dates and format for the OSBA Play-Offs at the beginning of each season, and all Teams that qualify for OSBA Play-Offs will be expected to adhere to these dates.

Article II – Regular Season Standings

- 2.01 Team standings for each regular season shall be determined by reference to points accumulated by Teams during regular season play.
- 2.02 Each Team shall be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. In any case in which a Team has forfeited a game, 2 points shall be deducted from its cumulative total (see Article III of By-Law No. 4).
- 2.03 In the event that two or more Teams have accumulated the same number of points at the end of a season, such that their rankings for purposes of establishing play-off matchings are identical, the following tie breaker rules shall be applied to the extent possible in the context of the competitive structure employed for regular-season play for that season:
- (a) If only two Teams are tied for a particular position in the rankings, the higher position shall be awarded to the Team with the better Won/Loss record in regular-season competition between the two Teams.
 - (b) In any other case, the highest position in the rankings among two or more Teams that have accumulated the same number of points at the end of a season shall be awarded to the Team or Teams with the greatest number of wins. The next highest position in the rankings among those Teams shall be awarded to the Team or Teams with the next greatest number of wins, and so on until all of the Teams initially tied in the rankings have been ranked.
 - (c) If two or more Teams remain tied after ranking Teams according to the test in subparagraph 2.03 (b), then the highest position in the rankings among those Teams shall be awarded to the Team or Teams with the best Run Differential in regular season competition with all of the Teams with which it is tied. The next highest position in the rankings among those Teams shall be awarded to the Team or Teams with the next best Run Differential in regular season competition with the remainder of the Teams with which it is tied, and so on until all of the Teams initially tied for purposes of this test have been ranked.
 - (d) If two or more Teams remain tied after ranking Teams according to the test in subparagraph 2.03 (c), then that test shall be reapplied to the Teams that remain tied until all of those Teams have been ranked. This test shall be reapplied to any Teams that remain tied after this ranking until there are two or more Teams that remain tied and cannot be ranked by the further application of this test.
 - (e) If two or more Teams remain tied after ranking Teams according to the test in subparagraph 2.03 (f), then the highest position in the rankings among those Teams shall be awarded to the Team or Teams with the best Run Differential in regular season competition with all other Teams in the Association against which it played other than the Team or Teams with which it is tied. The next highest position in the rankings among those Teams shall be awarded to the Team or Teams with the next best Run Differential in regular season competition with all other

Teams in the Association against which it played other than the Team or Teams with which it is tied, and so on until all of the Teams initially tied for purposes of this test have been ranked.

- 2.04 In the event that two Teams are tied for a particular position in the rankings at the end of a season, and the tie has not been broken by applying the process set out in paragraph 2.03, then the higher position in the rankings shall be awarded to the winner of a one-game play-off between the two Teams. Alternatively, if the two Teams agree, the higher position in the rankings shall be awarded to one of the Teams by means of a coin toss overseen by any member of the Executive who is independent of the Teams required to be ranked.

Article III – OSBA Play-Off Eligibility

- 3.01 A Player may be eligible to participate in any OSBA Play-Off game of a Member for a season if;
- (a) that Player is not an Ineligible Person as described in Article I of By-Law No. 3,
 - (b) that Player has played for the Team that is the Member in not less than 33% of its regular-season games (rounded to the nearest whole number of games) or has pitched in not less than 35 complete innings during its regular-season games.

For the purposes of this provision, in order to be credited with a “game played” in respect of a particular game, a Player must:

- (i) make an official Plate Appearance during that game,
- (ii) as a pitcher, face at least 1 batter during that game, or
- (iii) play in the field for at least one-half inning during that game.
- (iv) participate in the game as a pinch runner by either scoring a run, stealing a base, being made out, or remaining on the bases at the completion of the inning.

For the purposes of subparagraph 3.02(b), if a Team wins by forfeit a game that does not start, the winning Team’s number of games played may be reduced by one for purposes of calculating the play-off eligibility of its Players. [Application: If a Team is scheduled to play 26 regular season games, play-off eligibility would be 33% of 26 games = 8.58 games, which must be rounded up to 9. If that same Team wins a game by forfeit because an opponent did not field a team for a game, the winning Team will only get the chance to play 25 games, so, for that Team only, play-off eligibility would be 33% of 25 games = 8.25 games which must be rounded down to 8.]

If the decimal number is .5 or above, it would round up. If the decimal number is below .5, it would round down.

If a game is forfeited after it has started, all player statistics for the incomplete game will stand and all players who played in the game may be credited with a “game played”.

- 3.02 A Team may request an exemption for a player who has been unable to satisfy the test in subparagraph 3.02(b) above owing to injury, and not for any other reason.

A request for an exemption must be submitted to the President and must be supported by a doctor’s letter, on letterhead, identifying the doctor and related contact information. The doctor’s letter should confirm the date of injury, the nature of the injury, and the date on which the player became fit to continue play. The request should demonstrate that the player who failed to satisfy

the test in subparagraph 3.02(b) above did so because of the specific injury, and not just that the player who failed the test was unable to play owing to injury at some point during the season.

In order to receive consideration for an exemption, the player would need to demonstrate that his injury prevented him from playing in 80% or more (rounded up) of all the games that the player did NOT participate in.

Examples: If a 26-game season has a playoff eligibility requirement of 11 games played, and the player requesting the exemption has only 10 games played; he would need to prove that he was injured for 80% or more of the other 16 games of the 26-game season that he missed, not just 1 game. In this case $80\% \text{ of } 16 = 12.8$ which rounds up to 13. Therefore, this player would have to demonstrate an injury of 13 games to request the exemption.

If a 26-game season has a playoff eligibility requirement of 11 games played, and the player requesting the exemption has only 5 games played; he would need to prove that he was injured for 80% or more of the other 21 games of the 26-game season that he missed, not just 6 games. In this case $80\% \text{ of } 21 = 16.8$ which rounds up to 17. Therefore, this player would have to demonstrate an injury of 17 games to request the exemption.

The deadline for submitting an exemption request is midnight on the final day of the regular season's original schedule (i.e. not including makeup games). The Executive Board will rule on the exemption request no later than 24-hours after the completion of the last game of a regular season.

A player who has never played in an OSBA game cannot apply for this exemption.

- 3.03 No more than twenty-five Players and four non-playing Coaches may be eligible to participate in the Play-Offs of any Member for a season.
- 3.04 If either Team scheduled to participate in an OSBA Play-Off or OSBA Championship series is unable to secure a playing field for the conduct of any of its home games, it shall inform the President and the Secretary as soon as possible. The President and the Secretary shall take such steps as they may in order to make alternate playing field arrangements.
- 3.05 If either Team scheduled to participate in an OSBA Play-Off or OSBA Championship series is unable to engage umpires for any of its home games, it shall inform the President and the Secretary as soon as possible. The President and the Secretary shall take such steps as they may in order to engage umpires for the game or games, as required.
- 3.06 All single playoff games shall have a starting time no earlier than 9:00 am and no later than 8:00 pm, unless the teams agree to a different starting time.
- 3.07 All scheduled playoff doubleheaders shall have a starting time no earlier than 9:00 am and no later than 5:30 pm, unless the teams agree to a different starting time.

Article IV – Conduct of OSBA Play-Off Series

- 4.01 Should it be decided that OSBA Play-Off Series be conducted, they will commence immediately following the completion of a regular season, for the purpose of identifying the two Teams to be entered in the OSBA Championship Series.

- 4.02 The number of Teams to be entered in the OSBA Play-Off Series for a season shall be determined by the Members prior to the commencement of the season, usually at the March meeting of Members.
- 4.03 The ranking of Teams for the purpose of assigning Team matchups in each Round of the OSBA Play-Off Series shall be derived from the Team Standings for the regular season in a manner to be determined by the Members prior to the commencement of the season, usually at the March meeting of Members.
- 4.04 The first Round of the OSBA Play-Off Series shall see all Teams entered in the Series competing in best-of-three contests, except for any Teams that may have been awarded first Round byes owing to the number of Teams entered. The losing Teams in the First Round shall be eliminated from further competition in the OSBA Play-Offs Series.
- 4.05 The balance of the OSBA Play-Off Series shall consist of that number of Rounds, each Round being a best-of-three contest, as may be required to reduce the number of surviving Teams to two. The losing Teams in each Round shall be eliminated from further competition in the OSBA Play-Off Series.
- 4.06 The two Teams remaining on completion of the OSBA Play-Off Series shall proceed to compete in the OSBA Championship Series.
- 4.07 In each Round of an OSBA Play-Off Series, the first game shall be played at the home diamond of the Team competing in that Round that finished lower in the rankings determined according to paragraph 4.03, and that Team shall be designated the home Team in that game. That game shall be played on the Saturday of the weekend in which that Round is scheduled to take place. The second game and, if necessary, the third game shall be played at the home diamond of the Team competing in that Round that finished higher in the rankings determined according to paragraph 4.03 of this By-Law, and that Team shall be designated the home Team in those games. That game, or those games, shall be played on the Sunday of the weekend in which that Round is scheduled to take place.
- 4.08 Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph 4.07 of this By-Law that the games of each Round of an OSBA Play-Off Series occur on the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend in which that Round is scheduled to take place, the games may be scheduled for play on any earlier dates agreed to by both Teams, provided that the Round is completed on or before the Sunday of the weekend in which that Round is scheduled to take place and that any such agreement made by the Teams does not in any way create an interference with the scheduling and completion of any other Round of the Series.
- 4.09 Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs 4.07 and 4.08 of this By-Law, should any games in a round of an OSBA Play-Off Series be cancelled or suspended, the games required to complete the series must be scheduled for play on or before the Thursday following the weekend in which the Round was scheduled to take place.

Article V – Conduct of OSBA Championship Series

- 5.01 The Association may determine its OSBA Championship Team for each season by conducting an OSBA Championship Series between the two Teams remaining in competition at the conclusion of the OSBA Play-Off Series.
- 5.02 Three-person umpire crews shall be engaged for all games comprising the OSBA Championship Series.
- 5.03 The OSBA Championship Series shall be played immediately following completion of the OSBA Play-Off Series in the format determined by the Members prior to the commencement of the season.
- 5.04 The two teams may deviate from this format, if and only if, they **both** agree to do so. In the event of cancellation, games will go on as originally scheduled with the rained-out game(s) moving to the end of the schedule unless otherwise agreed upon by both teams.

Article VI – Conduct of OSBA Championship Tournament

- 6.01 Should it be decided that an OSBA Championship Tournament be conducted, it will commence immediately following the completion of a regular season.
- 6.02 The bracket, game times, and location(s) of the Tournament will be decided by the Members prior to the commencement of the regular season, usually at the March meeting.

By-Law No. 6

Rules of Competition – OSBA All-Star Game

Article I – OSBA All-Star Game

- 1.01 An OSBA All-Star game may be conducted during each season. All matters pertaining to the conduct of the OSBA All-Star Game shall be determined by the Members prior to the commencement of the season, usually at the March meeting of Members.
- 1.02 On the day of the OSBA All-Star Game, each Player and coach shall appear in the full uniform of his Team. Any Player or coach who fails to do so will be barred from further participation in the game.

By-Law No. 7

Rules of Competition – Playing Rules

Article I – Playing Rules

- 1.01 **Disclaimer:** The Official Rules of Baseball and the Baseball Ontario Playing Rules shall apply except as otherwise provided in these rules.

1.02 **Minimum Number of Players:** A Team must field a minimum of 8 players to play a game.

1.03 **Length of games:** All games shall be scheduled for 7 innings.

During the regular season, no new inning shall start after 2 hours from the time of the first pitch. An inning, once started, must be completed if the home Team is losing. In the event that the score in any regular season game is tied on the completion of seven innings of play, game play will continue until the earlier of the completion of the last inning that commenced before curfew was reached or the time at which a winner can be declared.

The umpire shall announce the time of the first pitch to the official score keeper and he shall use his watch to determine the time for the last inning. The umpires shall not allow delaying tactics and the umpire's decision is final.

For the purpose of keeping regular season statistics, the following shall be true if curfew hits when the home Team is up to bat and ahead in the game:

- a) the game will end as soon as curfew is hit;
- b) the score will be entered as it stands at the time the game is stopped; and
- c) all statistics up until the time the game is stopped will stand, even if the inning has not been completed.

As a guideline, there should not be more than 30 minutes between scheduled double-header games.

Each OSBA Play-Off game and OSBA Championship game shall continue for the full seven innings and shall not be subject to curfew. In the event that the score in any such game is tied on the completion of seven innings of play, game play will continue until a winner can be declared.

All regular season single games have the option to be 9 innings. Within one week after the publication of the schedule, the visiting team will inform the home team if they wish the game to be 7 or 9 innings. If 7 innings is chosen, then the curfew will be 2 hours from the time of first pitch. If 9 innings is chosen, then the curfew will be 2.5 hours from the time of first pitch. Once the visiting team informs the home team of their decision, the game will go on as planned. The home team will need enough time to let umpires know the duration of the game, hence the need to inform the home team within one week after the publication of the schedule. The home team will be responsible for any increase in umpires' fee for a 9 inning game, unless the visiting team wishes to contribute a portion of the increase.

1.04 **Complete Game/Suspended Game:** During the regular season, a game shall be considered a complete game if terminated at any time after the completion of 4 innings (or after the completion of 3 ½ innings if the home team is leading at that time). During the regular season, a 9 inning game shall be considered a complete game if terminated at any time after the completion of 5 innings (or after the completion of 4 ½ innings if the home team is leading at that time). If the umpires of a game determine that the game should be terminated part way through an inning, but after the game is to be considered a complete game based upon the number of innings played, the score of the game shall revert to that as at the end of the last complete inning, but all statistics up

until the time the game is terminated will stand, even if the inning has not been completed. If a game is terminated by the umpires before it has become a complete game, it shall be declared “No Game” and shall be rescheduled to be played in full at a later date. Alternatively, the game may instead become suspended by way of a Game Completion Agreement (see Article V or By-Law No. 4).

In the event that an OSBA Play-Off game or an OSBA Championship game is terminated before a winner has been declared, whether due to inclement weather, diamond time constraints, light failure or other malfunction of mechanical field equipment, darkness where the field is not lighted, or any other event or circumstance that is beyond the control of the home Team, the game shall become a suspended game to be completed immediately preceding, and in the same location as the next game of the OSBA Play-Off or OSBA Championship series. The suspended game shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game. The line-up and batting order of each Team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing substitution. Any Player may be replaced by a Player who had not been in the game prior to the suspension. No Player removed before the suspension may be returned to the line-up.

- 1.05 **Mercy Rule:** A mercy rule of 10 runs after 5 innings will be in effect for 7 innings games. If the home Team is leading by 10 runs after 4.5 innings, the game will be stopped or if the visiting Team is leading by 10 runs after 5 innings, the game will be stopped. A mercy rule of 10 runs after 7 innings will be in effect for 9 innings games. If the home Team is leading by 10 runs after 6.5 innings, the game will be stopped or if the visiting Team is leading by 10 runs after 7 innings, the game will be stopped. This rule will apply to both regular season and play-off games.
- 1.06 **Line-up Cards:** Each Team will be required to complete a line-up card prior to the commencement of each game. A copy will be given to the opposing Team. The line-up card shall list the players in the starting batting order and any substitutes. Teams will be permitted to add players who arrive late for the game. A Designated Coach must also be listed on the line-up card in the space provided. The Designated Coach will be the person who will be responsible for all official coaching duties during the game and for issues that come up due to incidents during the game. These duties will include, but are not limited to, trips to the mound, discussion of rule interpretation with the umpires, lodging of protests, etc. If a person is not named Designated Coach on the line-up card, then the designated Coach will be considered to be the person identified as such with OSBA at the beginning of the season.
- 1.07 **Batting Line-ups and Substitutions:** If a substitute player is present at the beginning of a game, he must be listed on the line-up card as a substitute. If a player shows up late, he must inform the other Team that he is to be listed as a substitute on the line-up card OR to be added directly to the bottom of the batting order immediately upon arrival.

A Team may use a substitute from its bench for any player in the line-up. This removes the original player from the line-up permanently and the substitute player takes his spot for the remainder of the game.

A Team may not utilize its substitutes without having at least a 10-player batting order.

If a Team elects to start a game with fewer than 10 players in the batting order, while also having extra players present and listed on the line-up card as substitutes, these substitutes cannot be used unless or until any late arriving player(s) are added to the bottom of the batting order to reach the required minimum of 10 players. A Team may not use its substitute bench players to increase the number of players in the batting order once a game has begun.

If a Team is using the required 10 batters and has substitutes on the bench, then, if a player in the line-up must be removed from the game for any reason, he must be replaced with a substitute for the remainder of the game.

If a Team is not using the required 10 batters, then, if a player in the line-up must be removed from the game for any reason, he cannot be replaced with a substitute, and his spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty.

- 1.08 **Extra Hitters:** Teams may use as many Extra Hitters “EH” in their batting line-up as they choose. Any player batting as an EH should be clearly listed on the line-up card prior to the game or immediately communicated to the opposing Team in the case of a late arriving player.

The EH shall be treated as a defensive position. Meaning that any player serving as an EH may be moved into another defensive position during a game. Likewise, a defensive player in the batting line-up may be moved into the EH position during the game.

- 1.09 **Designated Hitter:** A hitter may only be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent substitute relief pitchers in a game.

A Designated Hitter may only be used if a Team is using a 9-man or greater batting order.

The DH must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the line-up cards presented to the Home Plate Umpire. It is not mandatory that a club designate a hitter for the pitcher, but failure to do so prior to the game precludes the use of a Designated Hitter for that game.

The DH role is locked into its spot in the batting order. No substitutions can be made that would alter the spot in the batting order of the DH role.

Any bench substitute who pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the DH, then becomes the Designated Hitter, and assumes that spot in the batting order.

The game pitcher may pinch-hit or pinch-run for the DH. Doing this will terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game, and the game pitcher will now occupy that spot in the batting order.

Switching the DH to another defensive position will terminate the Designated Hitter for the remainder of the game. The game pitcher may remain in the game; however he must replace a different player in the batting order.

Switching the game pitcher from the mound to another defensive position will also terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game. The pitcher will assume the DH’s spot in

the batting order unless the DH also enters the game defensively or to pitch. In this case, the DH remains in the lineup in his spot and the pitcher must replace a different player in the batting order.

If another defensive player is switched to the mound, this will terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game. The DH must take another defensive position in order to remain in the game. The pitcher must replace a different player in the batting order to remain in the game.

- 1.10 **Ohtani Rule:** A coach may elect to have their starting pitcher bat for themselves as the DH. The player will then be considered two separate players in lineup. In such cases, the Designated Coach should list this player's position as P/DH on the line-up card. Thus, if the starting pitcher is replaced, they can continue as the DH (but can no longer pitch in the game), and if the DH is replaced, they can continue as the pitcher (but can no longer hit for themselves). If the player is simultaneously replaced both as the starting pitcher and the DH, they cannot be replaced by another two-way player filling both roles; they must be replaced by two separate players.

If the starting pitcher/DH is switched to a position on defence (including EH), such move will terminate the DH role for the remainder of the game.

Failure of the Designated Coach to list the starting pitcher as P/DH on the line-up card, will result in the player being treated as the starting pitcher only.

- 1.11 **Contact Rule:** The OBA contact rule shall apply. Specifically: Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared out).

Contact shall be considered malicious if:

- a) The contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or
- b) There is intent to injure.

Malicious contact is to be penalized whether committed by an offensive or defensive player.

The umpire shall determine whether contact was avoidable or unavoidable - whether the runner was trying to reach the base/plate or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder. If the runner a) could have avoided the Fielder and reached the base or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner is out even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other runners shall return to the last base legally occupied by them at the time of the contact. If the fielder blocks the base path, the runner may make contact, slide into or collide with the fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base/plate. If the collision is flagrant, the runner is called out and ejected. The ball is declared dead. If the defensive player blocked the base path clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball is called. If the runner collides flagrantly, he/she shall be declared safe due to obstruction but shall be ejected. The ball is dead.

- 1.12 **Umpires:** The home team shall be responsible for ensuring two (2) properly carded umpires are

scheduled for each game.

Absolutely no harassment of umpires or the other team's players or coaches will be tolerated. It is the plate umpire's sole discretion as to what constitutes harassment (e.g. chanting from the dugout, done under the guise of support for team-mates, but actually done to distract an opposing player, etc.) The umpire reserves the right to eject from the game any player, coach or spectator who uses abusive language or generally refuses to conduct himself in a sportsmanlike manner.

- 1.13 **Pre-game warm-ups:** The home club's batting practice and pre-game warm-up must be completed fifteen minutes (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time; while the visiting club's fielding practice will be for the next ten (10) minutes. Which will allow five (5) minutes for consultation between the umpires and representatives of both teams. The home club shall notify the teams of termination of their allotted time for various practices. 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 for its allotted practice time, they shall forfeit their practice rights.
- 1.14 **Bats:** OSBA's bat rules conform with those of Baseball Ontario for senior levels. Those rules are as follow:
- a) The maximum legal diameter for bats shall be 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
 - b) Only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing and wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic content.
- 1.15 **Baseballs:** Rawlings ROML baseballs will be used in all OSBA sanctioned games, unless otherwise specified at a Members Meeting.