



## BASEBALL ONTARIO

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

**Note: In printing the 2009 Constitution & Playing Rules, section numbering was omitted and other accidental formatting changes have occurred. These will all be restored as set out in the 2008 Constitution & Playing Rules except as amended at the 2008 AGM and as may be amended at the 2009 AGM.**

#### **OBA #1 AMENDMENTS RELATED TO PBLO**

**Add** new 1.03 e) (**Page 8**) as follows:

1.03 e) Premier Baseball League of Ontario ("PBLO") shall be an Associate Member of the OBA. This membership shall be subject to the terms of an agreement approved by the OBA Board of Directors (the "PBLO Agreement").

**Add** at the end of 2.04 a) (**Page 12**) the following:

In addition, OBA shall offer the following championships through PBLO:

AAAA Midget

AAAA Minor Midget

**Add** a new 3.01 d) (**Page 14**) as follows:

"d) Franchises in the PBLO shall declare themselves to operate as either Residency Franchises or Non-Residency Franchises. A Residency Franchise is one that determines to operate in accordance with OBA's residence and release requirements. A Residency Franchise will have the territorial rights of the Local Association, Direct Entry or Affiliated Association which is operating the Franchise. A Non-Residency Franchise is one that determines not to operate in accordance with OBA's residence and release requirements. A Non-Residency Franchise shall have no territorial rights."

**Add** a new 8.01 b) (**Page 15**) as follows **relettering** the remainder:

"b) Any Associated Member violating the OBA Constitution and By-Laws or the agreement which governs their membership in OBA may be expelled or suspended. In the case of the PBLO, any PBLO Franchise violating the PBLO Agreement may be expelled or suspended."

**Delete** 11.02 INSURANCE and **replace with** the following:

"a) All teams of Local Associations, Affiliated Associations, Direct Entries and PBLO Franchises must have the liability insurance provided through the OBA.

This insurance must be purchased before the teams, associations and franchises begin the new baseball season.

- b) For purposes of insurance coverage only, the OBA sanctions all usual baseball activities including games, practices, try-outs, evaluations, tournaments and executive activities conducted by its Affiliated Associations, Local Associations, Direct Entries and Associated Members and such other activities of the OBA, its Affiliated Associations, Local Associations and Direct Entries as may be approved from time to time by the OBA Management Board."

**Add** to P1-9 d) i) a new (5) as follows:

"(5) a baseball program operated in the PBLO in accordance with the PBLO Agreement."

**Add** a new P1-10 as follows:

**"P1-10 PBLO**

- a) The terms of the PBLO Agreement shall govern teams operated by PBLO Franchises.
- b) The provisions of Sections P1-1, P1-2, P1-3, P1-4, P1-5, P1-6 and P1-7 shall not apply to teams playing in the PBLO unless the Franchise operating such teams determine to operate as a Residency Franchise in which case those provisions shall apply to the teams operated by such Residency Franchise.
- c) The PBLO shall determine such residence and release requirements, if any, as shall apply to PBLO Non-Residency Franchises.
- d) The PBLO shall determine such registration procedures and policies as shall apply to PBLO Franchise teams.
- e) PBLO Non-Residency Franchises may not operate teams other than as set out in the PBLO Agreement. Accordingly, Affiliated Associations and Local Associations may not operate PBLO Non-Residency Franchises. However, since PBLO Residency Franchises may operate additional teams, Affiliated Associations and Local Associations may operate PBLO Residency Franchises.
- f) Players playing on a PBLO Non-Residency Franchise team may also register with a team of a Local Association in accordance with P1-9 e) i) or ii).
- g) Players playing on a PBLO Residency Franchise may not sign with another team.
- h) PBLO Franchise teams are not eligible to compete in OBA Elimination tournaments or OBA Play-offs, other than the AAAA championships determined by PBLO.

- i) The provisions of P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 do not apply to the PBLO, PBLO Franchises or PBLO Franchise teams."

**OBA #2**

**Page 8 1.05 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

To come into effect as of the elections to be held at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, in 1.05 a) and b) **delete** "6 elected directors" and **replace with** "8 elected directors".

**LDBA #1**

**Page 12 2.04 a) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** Minor Mosquito B, Minor Peewee B and Minor Bantam B under the heading "Under 25,000 Households".

**SPBA #1**

**Page 12 2.04 a) CLASSIFICATION**

**Delete** "Junior D"

**SPBA #2**

**Page 12 2.04 a) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** "Senior E" under "All Households"

**SPBA #3**

**Page 12 2.04 a) CLASSIFICATION**

**Delete** the "Under 25,000 Households" category and **replace with** the following:

<b>Category</b>	<b>25,000-12,000 Households</b>	<b>12,000-4,000 Households</b>	<b>Under 4,000 Households</b>
Senior Rookie Ball	B	C	D
Minor Mosquito			
Mosquito	B	C	D
Peewee Girls			
Minor Peewee			
Peewee	B	C	D
Bantam Girls			
Minor Bantam			
Bantam	B	C	D
Minor Midget			
Midget	B	C	D

**SPBA #4**

**Page 12 2.04 f) CLASSIFICATION**

**Delete** 2.04 f) and **replace with** the following:

- "f) i) By April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, an Affiliated Association will classify all teams from Rookie Ball through Midget by Local Association, using household numbers and other pertinent criteria, so that all teams from that Local Association will have the same classification. These classifications are subject to review and revision by the Affiliated Association at a classification meeting held prior to the Tuesday immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of July.
- ii) Final Affiliated Association classifications must be submitted to the OBA Office before the opening of business on the Tuesday immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of July. Failure to submit such information by the deadline shall result in the applicable team(s) not being classified."

**OBA #3 and SPBA #5**

**Page 12 2.04 f) CLASSIFICATION**

**Delete** "Tuesday immediately following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of July" and **replace with** "Tuesday immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of July".

**SPBA #6**

**Page 13 2.04 g) CLASSIFICATION**

**Delete** "and correct".

**OBA #4 and SPBA #7**

**Page 13 2.04 h) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** in the second sentence "the Local Association and" after "If the Series Chair moves a team," **and add** "The Local Association and/or" before "the Affiliated Association" in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence.

**SPBA #8**

**Page 13 2.04 i) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** "An Affiliated Association must submit representatives in all classifications if teams fit in the household criteria."

**WCBA #1**

**Page 13 2.04 m) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** a new third sentence in 2.04 m) ii) as follows:

"Teams that do not apply will be subject to a fine as per 2.04 q)."

**WCBA #2**

**Page 13 2.04 m) CLASSIFICATION**

**Delete** Senior from 2.04 m) ii) and **add** a new 2.04 m) iii) as follows:

"iii) At Senior (other than the Senior A which is the Senior OBA Elimination Tournament), each Affiliated Association is eligible to send a maximum of 2 teams to the OBA Play-off Tournament."

**SPBA #9**

**Page 13 2.04 w) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** a new 2.04 w) as follows, relettering the remainder:

"w) The winner of the Midget OBA Elimination Tournament will be declared OBA Midget AAA champions."

**SPBA #10**

**Page 13 2.04 w) CLASSIFICATION**

**Add** a new 2.04 w) as follows, relettering the remainder:

"w) The Midget AAA OBA Play-off Tournament will be held on the same week-end as Baseball Canada Midget Championship tournament."

**LDBA #2**

**Page 14 4.01 f) CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Add** a new 4.01 f) as follows:

"f) Except at Senior A which will be the Senior OBA Elimination Tournament, all Senior OBA Play-offs will be scheduled 1 week prior to the Labour Day wee-end."

**WCBA #3**

**Page 14 4.03 OBA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT FEE**

**Delete** a) and b) and **replace with** the following:

"a)	teams in Peewee and below	\$400.00
b)	teams in Minor Bantam and above	\$450.00"

**YSBA #1**

**Page 15 5.01 i) SPECIAL PLAYING RULES**

**Add** a new 5.01 i) as follows:

"Notwithstanding clauses a) through h), the OBA Board of Directors may from time to time review and modify Rules P2.1 through P2.5, where in the opinion of the OBA Board of Directors, the changes are in the best interests of the members as a whole and/or in matters that are related to risk management for OBA. These changes do not require approval of the Rules Committee but still require the requisite 2/3 of votes cast for passage by the Board of Directors."

**OBA #5**

**Page 18 P1-3 b) vi)**

**Delete** P1-3 b) vi) and **replace with** the following:

"vi) Where a player wishes to play for a team outside of their Affiliated Association, said player must procure a release from his/her Local Association and from the registrar of the Affiliated Association before becoming eligible to sign with his/her new team."

**HDBA #1**

**Page 18 P1-3 b) vi)**

**Delete** P1-3 b) vi) and **replace with** the following:

"vi) Players younger than Minor Bantam must play with a team within their Affiliated Association unless the Affiliated Association registrar requests from Baseball Ontario the ability to release said player. Where a player who is Minor Bantam or older wishes to play for a team outside of their Affiliated Association, said player must procure a release from his/her Local Association and from the registrar of the Affiliated Association before becoming eligible to sign with his/her new team."

**WOBA #1**

**Page 18 P1-3 b)vi) PLAYERS TO QUALIFY UNDER RESIDENCE RULE**

**Delete** P1-3 b) vi) and **replace with** the following:

"vi) Players younger than Minor Bantam must play with a team within their Affiliated Association. Under special circumstances players younger than Minor Bantam may be granted releases but only upon approval of the Local Association, the Affiliated Association and the OBA. If a release is not granted by the Local Association or the Affiliated Association, an appeal may be made to the OBA for

a final ruling. All releases of players younger than Minor Bantam granted by the Affiliated Association must be approved by the OBA.

Where a player who is Minor Bantam or older wishes to play for a team outside of their Affiliated Association, said player must procure a release from his/her Local Association and from the registrar of the Affiliated Association before becoming eligible to sign with his/her new team."

**OBA #6**

**Page 19**

**P1-4 h) PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS OR RESIDENCE**

**Add** after "a permission to practice form or release from his/her Local Association" the following: "(and the Local Association where he/she played the previous year if different from the one in which he/she lives)

**YSBA #2**

**Page 19**

**P1-4 i) PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS OR RESIDENCE**

**Add** a new i) and j) as follows, **relettering** the remainder:

- "i) Any player that participates in an OBA sanctioned tournament with a team other than the one on which he/she is rostered may be suspended by OBA. Any coach using a player in an OBA sanctioned tournament that is not on his/her approved roster or a call up roster from the same Local Association may be suspended by OBA. **Exception:** When an Affiliated Association enters a team where the players are from that Affiliated Association, the roster of said team is to be reviewed and approved by the Affiliated Association registrar prior to tournament play. This roster will then be presented at the tournament as the official team roster. Any player that wishes to play outside his/her Affiliated Association with this type of team must have either a release or letter of permission from the Affiliated Association.
  
- j) Any team that is being assembled by an OBA rostered coach must have either a release or letter of permission for any player that is being asked to play on this team. The roster must be submitted to the OBA for approval before the team may participate in any tournaments."

**SPBA #11**

**Page 19**

**P1-5 b) PLAYERS MAY ADVANCE TO HIGHER SERIES**

**Add** the following Note to P1-5 b)i):

"(Note: A Rookie Ball player is not eligible to pitch.)

**YSBA #3**

**Page 19 P1-5 e) PLAYERS MAY ADVANCE TO HIGHER SERIES**

**Add** a new P1-5 e) as follows:

- "e) Any team wishing to use a call up player from a team that has been eliminated from any further competition during a tournament or an OBA Play-off tournament or an OBA Elimination tournament must have a copy of the official team roster for the call up player. To be eligible to pitch, the team must have either the pitch count records or copies of the official game sheets involving the call up player. Any player that cannot verify his/her eligibility to pitch will not be allowed to pitch."

**YSBA #4**

**Page 21 P1-9 d) ELIGIBILITY**

**Delete** P1-9 d) ii) and **replace with** the following:

- "ii) "playing season" shall mean the period from the Tuesday following Labour Day through to 11:59 pm Labour Day of the following year."

**SPBA #12**

**Page 21 P1-9 e) ELIGIBILITY**

**Add** at the end of P1-9 e) the following:

"Senior players are exempt from P1-9 e)."

**OBA #7**

**Delete** P1 and **replace with** the following (Note: Amendments approved at the AGM from the prior amendments will be deemed to be incorporated automatically into this motion):

**P1 PLAYER SIGNING**

**P1-1 AGE AND CATEGORY**

To be eligible to play in a particular age category, a player must be born during the year indicated beside such category or during any subsequent year:

T-Ball	2001
Junior Rookie Ball	2001
Senior Rookie Ball	2000
Minor Mosquito	1999
Mosquito	1998
Minor PeeWee	1997
PeeWee/ <b>PeeWee Girls</b>	1996
Minor Bantam	1995
Bantam	1994
Minor Midget/ <b>Bantam Girls</b>	1993

Midget	1991
Junior	1988
Senior/Women's	Unlimited

(**Note:** These years are to be automatically updated each year.)

### **P1-2 BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

- a) **All players 21 years of age and under, not previously registered with the OBA, must produce a birth record for approval by the OBA office prior to the June 30th deadline. Birth records shall be deemed to be** copies of birth certificates, passports or citizenship cards. In the case of Affiliated Associations having their own registrar and having the approval of the OBA, it is not necessary to send in birth records to the OBA Office if such birth records are provided to the Affiliated Association's registrar. For Affiliated Associations not having their own registrar or for Direct Entries, when sending birth records to the OBA Office, they must be listed and a copy of the list included with the birth records. Upon receipt of a birth record, it will be recorded in the OBA Office.
- b) Players who cannot procure a birth record may sign a team roster upon producing a statutory declaration sworn to by their parent or guardian establishing their age; the same to be accompanied by a certificate of a solicitor or notary public.

### **P1-3 PLAYERS TO QUALIFY UNDER RESIDENCE RULE**

- a) No player shall compete in any OBA Play-off games who has not been a bona fide and continuous resident of the municipality to which his/her team belongs before June first of the baseball season.

#### **Exceptions:**

- i) A senior player who maintains Canadian Citizenship and has been a member of an OBA team for at least one year prior and continues to remain a member of the same OBA team and who for the purposes of securing employment lives and/or works out of the province of Ontario.
  - ii) In the case of students **residing away from their normal residence for the purpose of receiving an education** who shall be allowed to take up residence until June 30<sup>th</sup>. The intent here is to provide a student the opportunity to establish residence beyond the June first deadline. (Players attending secondary school do not normally qualify under this provision.)
  - iii) **Players below Junior level when a bona fide move of the family takes place before June 30th.**
- Note:** Individuals under senior age may be granted permission by the OBA Registrar to participate in OBA play. Cases will be dealt with on an individual basis (i.e. exchange students).
- b)
    - i) Where a Local Association has more than 1 team operating in the same series, the Local Association shall set policy and/or boundaries for such teams.
    - ii) Where a municipality has more than 1 Local Association within its boundaries, the Affiliated Association shall set policy and/or boundaries for such Local Associations.
    - iii) In areas where no team is available under the residency rule, the Affiliated Association shall set policy and/or boundaries for teams operating within the Local Associations of the Affiliated Association.
    - iv) Local Associations and Affiliated Associations must establish policy and territorial boundaries for teams and/or associations before the start of their baseball season. A copy of the policy and/or boundaries must be filed with the Affiliated Association and the OBA before the start of the baseball season.
  - c) Only OBA rostered players are eligible to participate in Ontario Elimination Tournaments.
  - d) Only players eligible to participate in Canadian championships shall be eligible to participate in the Ontario Elimination Tournament.
  - e) A permit shall not be granted to an American Import Player in any series other than Senior.

### Girls baseball

- f) i) A female may, but is not required to, register with both a Girls Baseball team and a non-Girls Baseball team. Where the Local Association in whose territory the female lives offers both Girls Baseball and non-Girls Baseball teams, the female may register with either a Girls Baseball team or a non-Girls Baseball team in such Local Association and on the basis of such registration play on any team from such Local Association for which she is eligible to play based upon her age.
- ii) Where the Local Association in whose territory the female lives does not offer Girls Baseball, the female may register for non-Girls Baseball with such Local Association and Girls Baseball with another Local Association without a release being required from the Local Association in whose territory the female lives.
- iii) Except as provided for in this section, a female player requires a release in accordance with the provisions of section P1-4 in the same manner as a male player.

### P1-4 PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS OR RESIDENCE

- a) Players younger than Minor Bantam must play for a team within their Affiliated Association. **P1-3 b) vi)**
- b) Once a player signs with a team from a Direct Entry or Local Association, he/she shall remain a member of that Direct Entry or Local Association until he/she is transferred in accordance with the regulations governing transfers as hereinafter set down. **P1-3 b) v)**  
**P1-4 a)**  
**Note:** The general principle stated above applies also to cities and towns which have more than 1 Local Association, and, in such cases, even though no change in residence is involved, the player is not allowed to change Local Associations until he/she has been transferred in the approved manner as herein set down. **P1-4 a)**
- c) No player, coach or manager may approach any other player for whom their team does not hold the playing rights with the intent of securing said player for their own team without the permission of the Direct Entry or Local Association that holds the player's playing rights. Violation of the rule will leave the player, coach and/or manager open to suspension by the OBA. **P1-4 j)**
- d) Where a director, officer, employee or other member of a Local Association or Direct Entry who is not a player, coach or manager approaches any player for whom their Local Association or Direct Entry does not hold the playing rights with the intention of securing said player for their Local Association or Direct Entry without the approvals listed **in this section**, then such violation will leave the Local Association or Direct Entry of the director, officer, employee or other member open to a fine of up to \$1000. **P1-4 j)**
- e) No player may participate in any game(s), practice(s) or tryout(s) with a team that does not hold his/her playing rights. A player must **first** secure a release from the Direct Entry or Local Association that holds his/her playing rights under these rules. Failure to do so will leave said player open to suspension by the OBA. **P1-4 h)**
- f) Any coach or manager who allows a player to participate in any game(s) or practice(s), with a team that does not hold his/her playing rights will leave said coach and/or manager open to suspension by the OBA. **P1-4 i)**
- g) **If the Local Association is unsure whether they will be fielding a team**, a player may apply for a permission to practice form that would allow **the** player the opportunity to work-out with another specific team until a decision is made **at which point this form expires and the release rules of P1-4 apply.** **P1-4 h)**

### Release not required

- h) In the case of all players, 18 years of age and under, if their family makes a legitimate move from one area to another, a release from the Direct Entry or Local Association they were signed to and played with shall not be required. In the case the parent or guardians do not move, but the player makes a move from one area to another, then a release from the Direct Entry or Local Association that he/she was signed and played with the previous or last season is required. **P1-4 d)**

**Note:** The OBA does not condone moves of convenience designed to bypass the release process. **P1-4 a)**

To establish a legitimate family move Baseball Ontario, when considering the legitimacy of the family move, may have regard to a number of factors, including but not limited to the following:

- i) A statement from the parent(s) outlining that they actually live at the stated address.
  - ii) A copy of the rental agreement or proof of home purchase.
  - iii) A driver's license with the stated address.
  - iv) The name and address of the school the player attends.
  - v) A separation agreement or divorce decree outlining the custody and access arrangements of the player.
  - vi) Canada Revenue Agency Marital Status Change form – RC 65. **P1-4 a)**
- i) A player who has been a continuous resident for 2 or more years and on moving to another municipality or rural district, and wishes to continue playing with the Direct Entry or Local Association he/she last signed for, may do so and will not change the classification of the team from the Direct Entry or Local Association. **P1-4 a)**
- j) A player residing in an area where no Local Association or Direct Entry exists may play for a team in another Affiliated Association without a release provided such team is the team located closest to his/her place of residence.

**Note:** Local Association and Affiliated Association rules take precedence for any Local Association or Affiliated Association.

**Note:** For purposes of this rule, minor (e.g. Minor Mosquito, Minor PeeWee, Minor Bantam and Minor Midget) is not defined as a separate series from major (e.g. Mosquito, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget). If a combined minor/major program is offered by a Local Association, players require a release to play in any other Local Association. **P1-3 b) v)**

- k) A previously released player may return to the team at his/her place of residence at the beginning of any season without a release. **P1-3 b) v)**

### **Release required**

- l) **Should a player wish to play for a team with another Local Association or Direct Entry that player must procure a written release signed by the current management of the Local Association or Direct Entry that holds his/her playing rights and where that team is not the association in whose boundaries the player resides, the player must also secure a release signed by the current management of the Local Association or Direct Entry in whose boundaries he/she resides.** Affiliated Association Registrars must approve the transfer of those players who do not play with their Local Association teams but within the boundaries of the Affiliated Association before such release is valid. **P1-3 b) v) P1-4 b)**
- m) In the case of a player below Junior age who has been a bona fide and continuous resident of the municipality to which his/her Direct Entry or Local Association belongs before June first of the baseball season, wishing to change his/her Direct Entry or Local Association or residence, he/she must in addition to the forgoing provisions, secure the written consent of his/her parent or guardian in order to make such a change. **P1-4 c)**
- n) Where a player who is Minor Bantam or older wishes to play for a team outside their Affiliated Association, said player must procure a release from his/her Local Association **and** from the registrar of the Affiliated Association, before becoming eligible to sign with his/her new team. **P1-3 b) vi)**
- o) Players signed with one team must be properly released before signing a second roster. This clause applies to all series. Any player signing a new roster to play for another team or playing for a non-registered team before his/her release from the first team is signed, may be subject to suspension by the OBA Board of Directors. **P1-4 e)**
- p) Where a Local Association or Direct Entry grants a player a release, such release is valid and remains in full force and effect so long as the player continues to play for the Local Association or Direct Entry with which the player signed an OBA playing roster on the basis of having been granted such release. **P1-4 g)**
- q) All releases must be in writing and cannot be conditional. **P1-3 b) vii)**

- r) Any player who has not been played by his/her team in 3 or more consecutive league games has the right to appeal to the OBA Board of Directors should his/her team refuse to release him/her. **P1-4 f)**

### **Player Appeals**

- s) If a release is denied by the Local Association, the player has the right to a hearing at the Affiliated Association. All evidence and results of this hearing will be forwarded to the OBA and all parties involved.
- t) If the Affiliated Association refuses the release, the player may appeal to the OBA Technical Committee in writing. The Technical Committee will establish the time and place of the appeal hearing which will be held within 30 days of receiving the written appeal. The appellant, the Local Association or Direct Entry and the Affiliated Association must be present in person at the hearing to provide evidence in support of their position. Failure to appear may result in a default decision. The decision of the OBA Technical Committee shall be final. Releases shall not be valid until filed with the OBA Office. **P1-4 b)**

### **P1-5 PLAYERS MAY ADVANCE TO HIGHER SERIES**

- a) A player signed to a team roster in any series Junior or below shall be allowed to advance and compete with a team in each higher series in the Local Association in which the player is signed.
- b) A player may advance as follows:
  - i) A Rookie may advance only to Mosquito,
  - ii) A Mosquito may advance only to PeeWee,
  - iii) A PeeWee may advance only to Bantam,
  - iv) A Bantam may advance only to Midget.
- c) A player must play with his/her original team if both teams have games on the same date. Any team knowingly postponing a game so that a player may advance will be suspended from the OBA Play-offs.
- d) Where a Local Association has more than one team at a series, players on one team are not eligible to **play for** the other team.
- e) Where a player of a younger age is **registered** with a team at an older age category (eg. A PeeWee aged player is **registered** on a Bantam roster) shall not be eligible to **play for** the younger team.

### **P1-6 PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- a) No player may participate in an OBA tournament or Play-off without his name on a team roster, unless otherwise approved by the OBA. **P1-6 g)**
- b) No player shall be added to a team roster before September 15<sup>th</sup> of preceding year, nor after June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current playing year. **P1-6 f)**
- c) A permanent identification number will be assigned to an OBA registered player based on his/her birth registration number. For players without a birth registration number, and not registered with the OBA before 1998, the OBA will assign a permanent identification number. **P1-6 a)**
- d)
  - i) **Updated** team rosters **for all previously registered players** will be distributed by the OBA to the respective registrar of the Affiliated Association, **for distribution to the local affiliates and teams**, at or before the Secretary-Registrars' Meeting, to be held on a date established by the OBA. **P1-6 b) iii)**
  - ii) The team manager updates, as necessary, the information on the team roster to ensure that the information listed for each player is complete and accurate. **An acceptable birth record needs to be included for each new player P1-6 b) v)**
  - iii) **For players under the age of 18 the parent or guardian must sign the roster to indicate that the information is correct and that participation of the player shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the OBA. Players age 18 or older may sign themselves. P1-6 b) vi)**

- iv) The team manager shall submit the signed team roster to the Affiliated Association registrar **who shall check/approve the roster and forward it to the OBA office. P1-6 b) vii) viii) ix)**
- v) Affiliated Associations must forward all team rosters and certificate tax for all of their players and teams whether they participate in the OBA Play-offs or not **P1-6 g)** All team rosters must be sent to the OBA Office on or before June 30th, of the current playing year, except by Affiliated Associations with an approved OBA Registrar, for whom the date is July 8th, of the current playing year. Team rosters submitted to the OBA, not completed correctly, must be resubmitted to the OBA Office no later than August 8th of the current playing year. Where an entire team (which is playing an Affiliated Association schedule prior to June 30) fails to submit a roster to the applicable Affiliated Association registrar or the OBA Office within the time frames contemplated by this section, the team may register late upon paying a \$500 late registration fee to the OBA. In so registering, the team must provide evidence satisfactory to the OBA Registrar that the players listed as being part of such team were part of such team prior to June 30. **Note:** This provision does not permit individual players to be added to team rosters after June 30. **P1-6 e)**
- vi) **Once the OBA office approves the roster and updates the database revised copies will be returned to the Affiliated Association registrar for distribution to the Local Association and the team. P1-6 b) x) xi) xii) xiii)**
- vii) The team manager shall have the player, regardless of his/her age, sign the team roster in the space provided. The team manager shall retain the team roster for presentation when requested. **P1-6 b) xiv)**
- e) Team managers shall ensure that the signature/stamp of the OBA Registrar or designate, is on the team roster. **P1-6 g)**
- f) Where this section refers to the OBA printing or providing team rosters, the same may be provided in electronic form. **P1-6 h)**

#### **P1-7 TEAM NUMBER**

A team must have 9 signed players and may have a maximum of 25 players who must be signed to a team roster of the series of the team entered. Each team must have at least 1 manager, and/or 1 or more coaches, signed to the roster clearly marked "Manager" or "Coach" and who shall be responsible for that team.

#### **P1-8 PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS AND REINSTATEMENT**

- a) Any player signed by a professional baseball club of the National or American Leagues of Professional Baseball Clubs, or of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, who has received his/her unconditional release or has been placed on the Voluntary Retired List by said professional club before June 30th of the playing season shall become eligible for reinstatement to play in the OBA immediately when he/she returns to his/her home city or town, or to the team he/she left to turn professional or he/she may play with any other team providing he/she qualifies under the residence rule.
- b) All applications for reinstatement must be accompanied by a letter from the Office of the President of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues or a copy of the release from the applicable professional organization.
- c) A player shall be considered to have turned professional when he/she plays his/her first game, either exhibition or league with a professional club.
- d) The release or voluntary retirement must accompany any application for reinstatement.

#### **P1-9 ELIGIBILITY**

- a) Players are not eligible to register with the OBA for the then current playing season if they have registered with a non-recognized baseball program operating in the Province of Ontario for any part of such playing season. Players registered with the OBA for the then current playing season who register with a non-recognized baseball program shall be subject to suspension in accordance with section P7-1.

**Note:** For the purpose of this section P1-9, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- i) "playing season" shall mean the period from May 15 through to the end of the Labour Day weekend.
- ii) "registered" includes any form of signing or registration process and any player participating on a regular basis with a non-recognized baseball program shall be deemed to have been registered with such program.
- iii) "non-recognized baseball program" shall mean any baseball program other than
  - a) a baseball program operated exclusively by the OBA, its Affiliated Associations and its Local Associations
  - b) a baseball program operated exclusively by an associated member of the OBA
  - c) a baseball program sanctioned by the OBA Board of Directors
  - d) a high school, college or university baseball program.
- b) Where an entire team of players desires to register as a team with a non-recognized baseball program, the Local Association operating such team may, if it has the approval of its Affiliated Association, apply to the OBA for OBA recognition of the non-recognized baseball program. The OBA may in its absolute discretion recognize or refuse to recognize such other baseball program.
- c) Individual players may participate with a non-recognized program outside of the province if he secures letters of permission to play with a specified team or organization from:
  - i) OBA Coach and/or Manager
  - ii) Local Association Executive
  - iii) Affiliate Association Executive.

**Note:** All letters and information shall be forwarded to the OBA through the Affiliated Association.
- d) A player participating in another recognized program shall have the right to sign only with:
  - i) the OBA Local Association in whose territory the player lives or
  - ii) the OBA Local Association with whom the player played in the previous playing season.

**Note:** If the player is not signed by such Local Association, then he/she shall not be entitled to sign with another Local Association.

**BASEBALL ONTARIO**  
**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

**OBA #1**

Baseball Ontario will create a Junior Rookie Provincial Championship as a pilot project for 2010 and 2011.

**WCBA #1**

The OBA shall form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of persons interested in Senior Baseball in Ontario to propose a revised classification system and tournament structure to allow flexibility to change the classification after July 31<sup>st</sup> to manage maximum teams for OBA Play-off tournaments.

**WCBA #2**

Proposal for Classification of the OBA Playoffs  
In the  
Under 25,000 Household Divisions

In 2009 the classifications were as follows:

	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rookie	4	7	14	25
Mosquito	6	9	20	35
PeeWee	3	12	20	35
Bantam 7	9	12	28	
Midget	5	8	14	27

- Teams seem to be classifying as low as possible
- We were not able to fill out an 8 team bracket in the B category at any level
- The average number of teams in the B category was 5
- The average number of teams in the C category was 9
- The average number of teams in the D category was 16

In order to balance out the divisions and the competition the following proposal is being made. The Mosquito/PeeWee totals are used for example only. The other divisions would also fit into this model.

**Classification Round**

Teams would put their names forward for classification. The OBA classification committee would look at the number of teams and divide them into preliminary groups of 7, 8 or 9 teams.

This could be a random draw or teams seeded according to number of households. For 35 teams the groupings would be 8, 9, 9 and 9 teams.

The teams would play the first three rounds of the OBA playoff schedule published in the rule book. The results would then be used to determine classifications (see attached charts). In our example the three 9 team brackets would send 3 teams to B, 3 teams to C and 3 teams to D. The 8 team bracket would send 2 teams to B and 3 teams to each of C and D.

The total number of games for this example would be 44 (11 in each grouping). It is suggested that two sites would be required, each hosting two groups. One group could play Friday night and Saturday. The second group could play Saturday and Sunday.

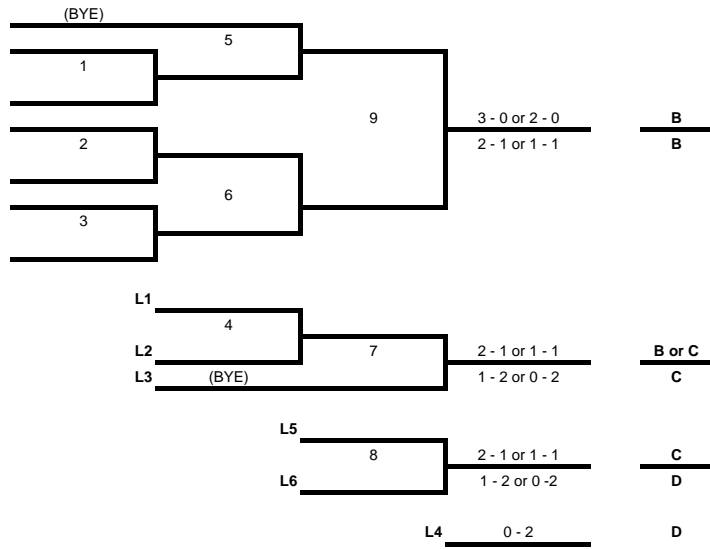
Using 2009 as an example the classifications would now be as follows:

	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rookie	8	8	9	25
Mosquito	11	12	12	35
PeeWee	11	11	12	35
Bantam 9	9	10	28	
Midget	9	9	9	27

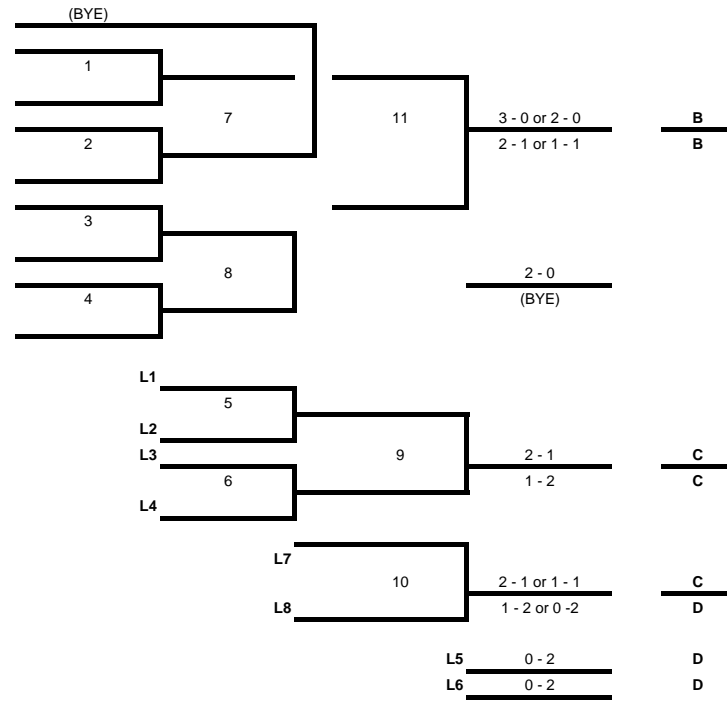
- All brackets have a minimum of 8 teams
- Brackets are balanced
- Preliminary round requires only one night stay (except if rain delayed)
- Should promote competition as teams find they can be competitive at a higher bracket.

This model could also be used for the over 25,000 households divisions and the minor divisions although at this time it does not appear necessary.

**7 TEAM BRACKET**



**9 TEAM BRACKET**



**8 TEAM BRACKET**

