



Minutes of the BOD Meeting Monday, November 7, 2022 Via Adobe Connect

Annette Hoggarth (WOBA)
Allyn Ward (WOBA)
Alan Murray (WOBA)
Jeremy Draper (Centre Wellington)
Kevin Green (Flesherton)
Julia Lantz, (Hanover)
Steve Travale (Kincardine)
Doug Wolf, Adam Wolfe (Mitchell)
Darryl Zettler (Ripley)
Lynn McDougall (St Marys)

Sue Murray (WOBA) Barb Henry (WOBA) Jeff Ryan (Clinton) Darryl Kingma (Exeter) Jeff Squire (Goderich) Vince Leary (Listowel)

Andrew Warwick (Owen Sound) Jason Sproat (Saugeen Shores) Devin Clancy (Chepstow)

ABSENT OR WITH REGRETS

Rep from Howick Rep from Grand Bend Rep from Mt Forest

Mike Klein (Walkerton)

RECORDER & CONFERENCE MODERATOR

Annette Hoggarth

CALL TO ORDER

Co-President Mike Klein chaired the meeting. Called to order at 7:22pm via Adobe Connect conferencing. The agenda and reference attachments were included and updated in the VOIP invitation to Board of Director members and local contacts.

Approval October 5, 2022, BOD meeting:

MOTION: Moved by: Allyn Ward Seconded by: Barb Henry The minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from Minutes:

Darryl Zettler, Ripley expressed concern with respect to 7u, 9u and 11u all on the same weekend, asking for consideration to moving 11u to a different weekend. The BOD discussed and, on a consensus, decided to leave the tournament schedule as is. Should there be an issue with umpire availability foreseen as the date approaches, that the BOD will address the situation at that time.

3. Executive Reports:

Secretary Report: Annette Hoggarth provided report. secretary@wobabaseball.ca

BULLS Update: Although with good intension to have tryouts in the fall, this has been earmarked to the new year at the Indoor facility in Listowel. Information regarding this will be posted on the Bulls website.

- Alan Murray has agreed to represent the WOBA as their main contact for the OBA AGM.
- The new 5 team tournament format was proposed. BOD consensus to include in the Tournament manual.
- iv) A map was prepared to show the temporary draw areas and boundary lines for Arthur and Mt Forest, and Arthur and Centre Wellington.

MOTION: Moved by: Barb Henry Seconded by: Sue Murray

That the proposed map be accepted as the temporary draw areas for 2023, and to be assessed at the end of this season for adjustments.

CARRIED

Arthur Map for approval in principle



Registrar Report: Sue Murray provided report. suemurraywoba@gmail.com

In 2022 the WOBA Registrar received player registration from 18 different locals which had 142 teams and 1,863 players. These numbers include both OBA and WOBA teams.

During the year the Registrar received 34 formal requests for releases and transfers.

- 18 Acknowledgments
- 4 Releases done to comply with Kitchener Minor Baseball's transition from EBLO play to PBLO residency team play
- 10 Releases Received for Transfers within the WOBA
- 2 Releases were denied

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Treasurer Report: Andrew Warwick provided report

MOTION: Moved by: Andrew Warwick Seconded by: Allyn Ward That the OBA AGM delegate's registration and expenses be reimbursed.

CARRIED

Umpire In Chief Report: Allyn Ward provided report.

- i) Over the 2022 season a few requests and clarifications for interpretation came in.
- There is a significant shortage of umpires. Allyn has requested that a list be provided by each local to him for 2023 to aid in sourcing umpires for game coverage.

OBA REPORTS:

Rep Council:

Jeff Ryan attended a meeting Nov 3rd where proposed council rules were discussed and forwarded to the Rules committee for inclusion at the January Rep Rules meeting.

Select Council:

Select AGM is same weekend as the Rep AGM. Looking for volunteers to participate on Select Council.

Planning 2023:

MOTION: Moved by: Barb Henry Seconded by: Allyn Ward

To permit Center Wellington Eagles to play a schedule in ICBA in 2023, and revisit WOBA league play requirements in March 2023.

CARRIED

- Request provided by Beaver Valley to play in WOBA again in 2023. The BOD was in consensus to permit participation in league play.
- ii) Hosts required for year end tournaments 11u, 13u, 15u, and 18u.
- iii) MOU with ICBA, Barb requested a committee explore AAA program (dedicated program) with ICBA. BOD provided consensus to explore.

MOTION: Moved by: Alan Murray Seconded by: Steve Travale

To amend the Quick Reference Rule Chart in the handbook and online as described below:

Under the Quick Reference Rules Chart, under All Players Must Bat, that U15 Bantam and U18 Midget, be changed from No to Yes, so that every player bats in a game

Rationale

WOBA Baseball is considered House League Baseball, not Rep Baseball. That every player should bat, and no player should be sitting on the bench.

CARRIED

Other Business:

Repeat reminder: Walkerton is interested in starting a 9u girls' team. Locals with girls who are interested in having their female players participate or interested in creating their own team to contact Mike Klein to discuss.

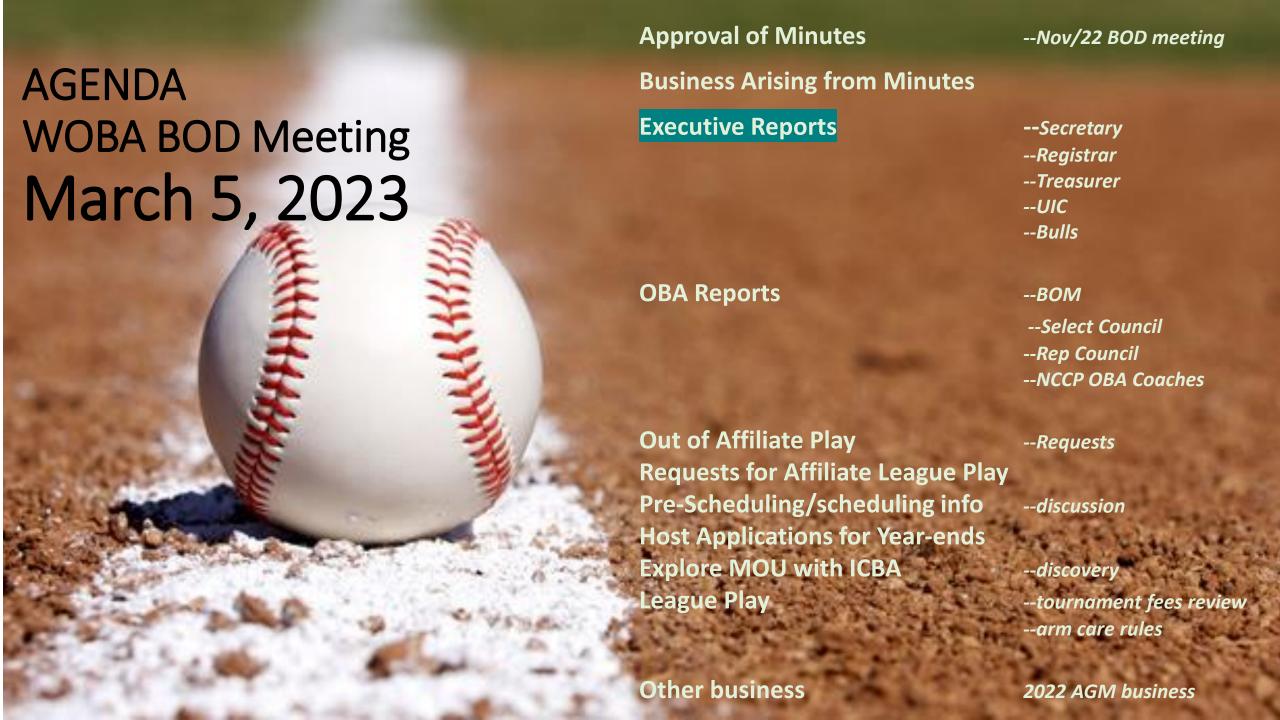
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by: Allyn Ward That the meeting be adjourned.

The BOD meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

The AGM followed immediately. Minute amendments separate document.

CARRIED





Executive Reports

Secretary Report:

Recommending that WOBA not host umpire online clinics. Local hosts to make applications for online training and on field training.

Executive approved dates for next few BOD meetings to be temporarily moved from Monday to Sundays, the day before the originally scheduled dates for the season.

Registrar Report:

Registrar will now be issuing insurance certificates for local programs using indoor facilities outside of season play.

Treasurer Report:

Any outstanding fines or fees are due by end of March.

WOBA UIC



- Locals can now make application to host umpire clinics via the OnDeck App
- > Level 1 & 2 workbook work will be online
- Level 1 & 2 on field work session is a 4-hour half day session, min cap of participants to max of 40 (=2 instructors)
- > L3 is in-person clinic in 2023
- Proposal for Pilot Umpire program

WOBA UIC



New Program Proposal Pilot for 11u and 9u games

Purpose:

- Promote umpire confidence
- Create a safe environment for umpires to learn, practice and correct mistakes

Objectives:

- Coaches are to remain in the dug out or in the coaches boxes at all times during the game (except for requesting time & player injury)
- Coaches are not permitted to speak with the umpires during the game, nor demonstrate unfavorably in the dug out
- Local mentor(s) may communicate and/or be on the field of play with umpires as part of the local mentoring program
- A mentor can not be a coach in the same game

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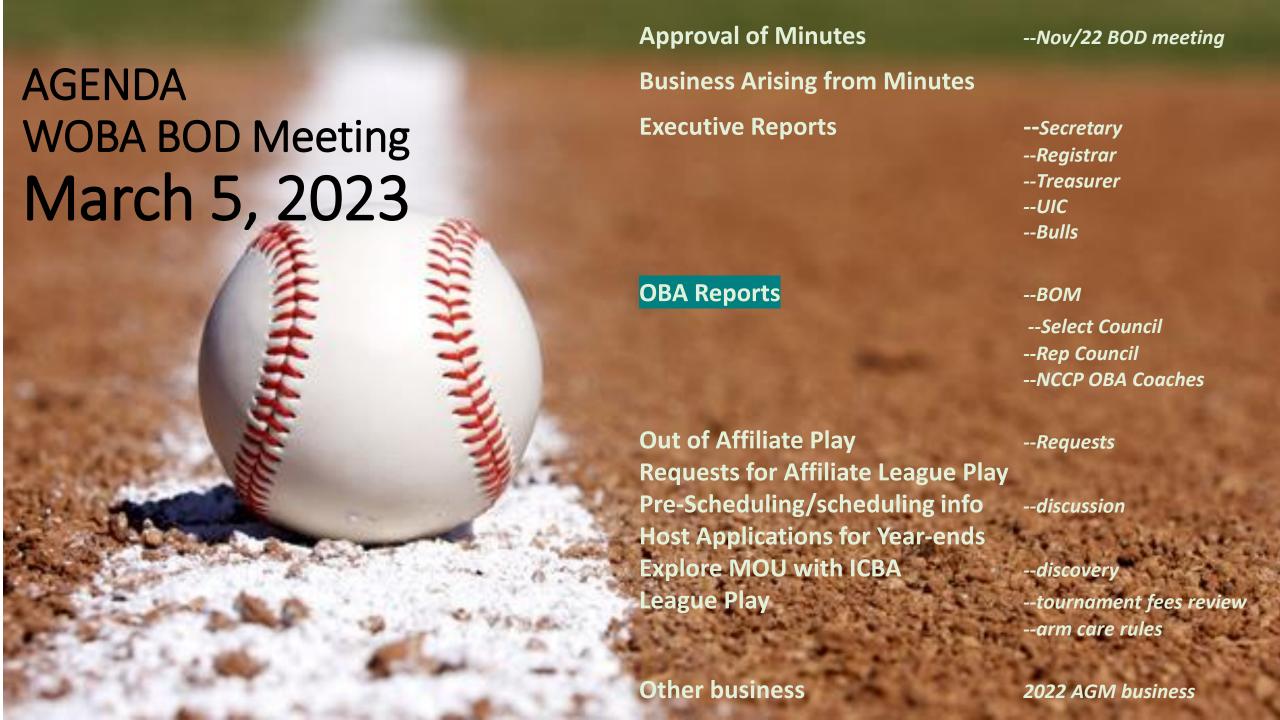
- Eliminate intimidation, influence & mistreatment of young/new umpires
- Minimize delays in game
- Create awareness of the role of the umpire





- ➤ Although registration was last fall, more interest peeked over the winter months.
- Almost 28 each of 11u & 15u and 40 13u players registered. A 12u team will be formed as a result of talent and numbers.
- There will be a midget team rostering as 18u, it will also include 16u players.
- > Team tryouts have begun at Listowel facility.
- Most teams have 2 tournaments, some have3 already booked.

Chris Taylor has provided his notice to stepping down as GM at the end of this season. He would like to stay involved in another roll with this program, particularly to mentoring the new GM.





Board of Management

- New website <u>obaplay.ca</u>
- ➤ Insurance applications now available
- Any team wishing to play out of province must obtain permission and notify the insurance provider
- ➤ On Deck App has been updated in all areas; coaching, umpires, arm care, rules. Umpire clinic applications now via this App
- ONCA townhall (Barb will discuss later in meeting)
- ONCA Video Link
- ONCA PPT Presentation Link



Select Council

- ➤ 9u House league tournament July 21-23 in St Marys, registration open soon. Saugeen Shores participated last year, and were finalists in the event.
- Annette has provided/confirmed contact info for each local association with Select Council. This was to provide direct distribution of information from them rather than relying on a chain of communicators.



Rep Council

- ➤ New Rep rules available on website
- ➤ Includes updated requirements for arm care (we will discuss later in meeting)
- ➤ Includes updated NCCP requirements for Rep Coaches
- https://digitalshift-assets.sfo2.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/pw/94f886b6-13b9-44d6-96bf-8dea6c2d577e/f-ce4c2a13-eb42-4d23-ad59-ae8462918841/2023%20Approved%20Coach%20Certification%20Requirements.pdf

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Division	Baseball Ontario Rep AAA	select team attending rep tournaments	Baseball Ontario Select - Dedicated	Baseball Ontario Select - Houseleague
8U/9U Head Coach	Coach Initiation in Sport			
	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)			
	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic
	Teaching & Learning Clinic	9U PCCP Module	9U PCCP Module	9U PCCP Module
	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic
8U/9U Assistant Coach	Coach Initiation in Sport			
	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)			
	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	
	Teaching & Learning Clinic	9U PCCP Module	9U PCCP Module	
	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	
10U/11U Head Coach	Coach Initiation in Sport			
	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)			
	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic
	11u Video Package	My First Pitch	My First Pitch	My First Pitch
	Teaching & Learning Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic
	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic
	Hitting Clinic			
	Pitching and Catching Clinic			
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	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)			
	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	Initiation Clinic	
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	Teaching & Learning Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	
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Division	Baseball Ontario Rep AAA	Baseball Ontario Rep AA & Below and any select team attending rep tournaments	Baseball Ontario Select - Dedicated	Baseball Ontario Select - Houseleague
12U/13U Head Coach	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport
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	Planning Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic
	Absolutes Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic
	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic
	Core Portfolio Evaluation			
	13U Video Package			
	13U Portfolio Tasks			
	Practice Evaluation			
	Make Ethical Decisions			
	Base Running Clinic			
	Infielding Clinic			
	Hitting Clinic			
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	Absolutes Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	
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14U/15U Head Coach	Coach Initiation in Sport			
	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)			
	Teaching & Learning Clinic			
	Planning Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic
	Absolutes Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic
	Strategies Clinic	Base Running Clinic	Base Running Clinic	Base Running Clinic
	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Outfielding Clinic	Outfielding Clinic	Outfielding Clinic
	Skills Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic
	Core Portfolio Evaluation			
	15U Video Package			
	15U Portfolio Tasks			
	Practice Evaluation			
	Game Evaluation			
	Make Ethical Decisions			
	Base running Clinic			
	Infielding Clinic			
	Hitting Clinic			
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	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)			
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	Planning Clinic	Infielding Clinic	Infielding Clinic	
	Absolutes Clinic	Hitting Clinic	Hitting Clinic	
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	Core Portfolio Evaluation			
	16+ Video Package			
	16+ Portfolio Tasks			
	Practice Evaluation			
	Game Evaluation			
	Make Ethical Decisions			
22U Assistant Coach	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport
	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) Teaching & Learning Clinic	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) Teaching & Learning Clinic	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) Teaching & Learning Clinic	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)
	Planning Clinic		Skills Clinic	
	Absolutes Clinic			
	Strategies Clinic			
	Pitching & Catching Clinic			
	Skills Clinic			
Senior	Coach Initiation in Sport	Coach Initiation in Sport		
	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)	Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)		

Please share this information with your Jr & Sr teams





Requests for 2023

Out of Affiliate Play

<u>Listowel</u>: Is requesting that their 11u team be permitted to play ICBA schedule. The rep players will be committed to their WOBA team as required by WOBA.

Mitchell: Is requesting to play additional schedule out of affiliate in LDBA for the following divisions; 11u, 13u, 15u, and 18u.

League Affiliate Play

<u>Center Wellington</u>: Is requesting that their 11u team, Centre Wellington Eagles be permitted to play 7 games in WOBA for the 2023 season. The reasoning is that they play minimum of 24 games in ICBA and would like to cut down the overall games they are playing to permit more time to practice. (this team received WOBA permission to play ICBA schedule Nov 2022)



Season Registration 2023

How has registration been?

- 1. Reminder that Pre-scheduling meeting is Sunday, April 16th
- 2. Local associations to declare their teams via online form on website. Form closes Friday, April 14th Form is open now.
- 3. Potential for Junior program/loop?



Scheduling for 2023

Exhibition Loop for Rep & Select teams 11u and above- TEAMS on line

Saturday April 22nd via TEAMS platform- two sessions in the morning

League Affiliate Play will be in person

Tentatively planned for Saturday April 29th all day in Listowel (waiting to receive confirmation of venue)

Tentative times: 9am all 7u and 9u

11am 13u & 15u

1pm 11u & 18u

Last year several coaches scheduled ahead of the meeting which caused a couple teams to struggle in completing their schedules at the meeting. BOD recommendations??



2023 season

Host applications for year end tournaments:

- ➤ None to report currently.
- > Require hosts for 11u and above
 - ➤ No tournament on the August Civic long weekend.
 - ➤ Aug 11-13 11u North & 11u South with playdowns within 2 weeks thereafter for WOBA Champion.
 - > Aug 18-20 15u
 - > Aug 25-27 13u & 18u
 - Editor's note: All rookie has tournament hosts; Mitchell and Ripley Aug 11-13

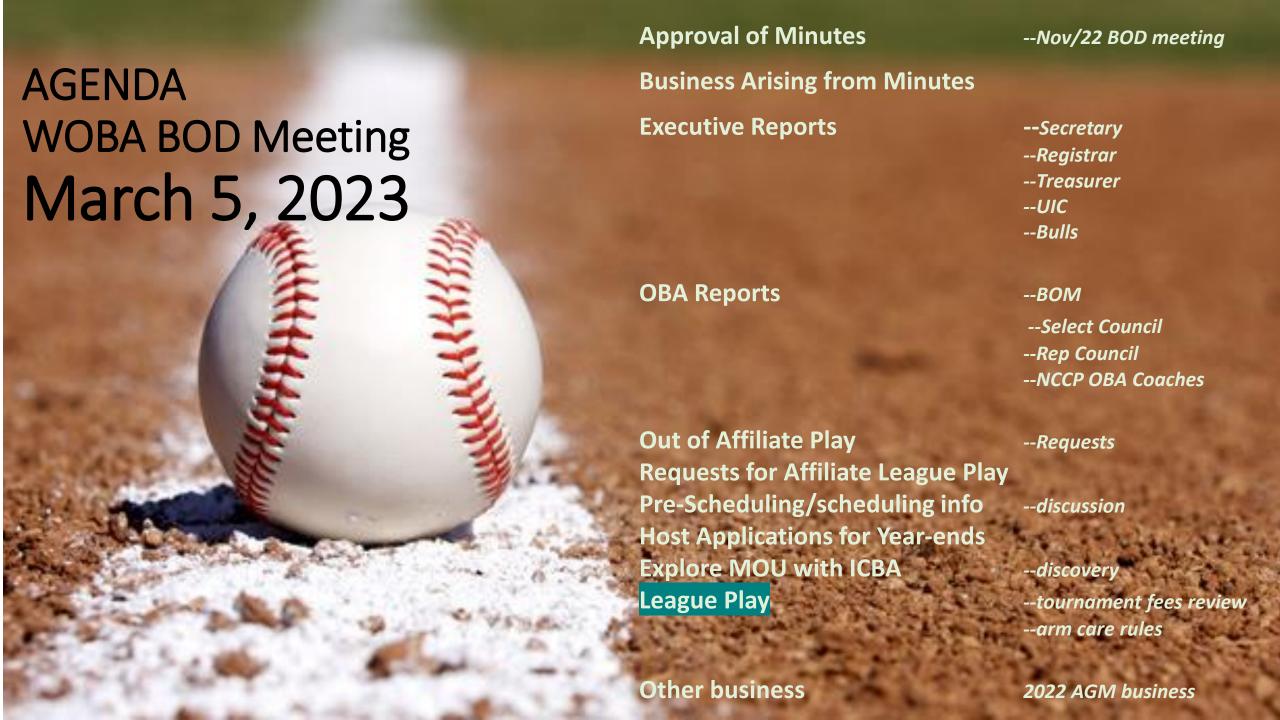
2023 season

Explore MOU with ICBA

- > Results/feedback
- ➤ No 9u to 18u "Badger-type" program
- > 13u and up is ICBA Bearcats, not a recognized program

ONCA

- Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act
- ONCA Package Link
- > Results/feedback? Barb will make inquiries for more information, Town Hall video available at OBA link





Review Tournament fees for 2023

Last Year's fees

\$350 @ 9u	new \$375
\$365 @ 11u	new \$400
\$380 @ 13u	new \$400
\$425 @ 15u	new \$475
\$525 @ 18u	new \$500

Editor's Notes: These updated rates adopted by the BOD March 5/23

REP DIVISION RULES APPROVAL

Proposed Rule Change 2023-20

Amend RP2.11(a) as follows:

a. Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care rules listed in RP2.11 shall be in force throughout the baseball season and shall apply to all league play and tournament play as sanctioned by Baseball Ontario or any Affiliated Association. This includes games played outside of Ontario and outside Canada, regardless of the tournaments pitch count rules or lack thereof.

BOD to discuss the WOBA Year-end tournament pitching rules.

Editor's note: Consensus to leave the league rules in place as is for Year-end tournaments

D. 2019 WOBA/OBA Pitch Count limitations To be Used for WOBA Championship Tournament Play

a)	Series	Daily	Maximum Daily
	Mosquito	45 **	70
	Peewee	55 **	80
	Bantam	65 **	90
	Midget	75 **	100

- a) If the pitcher has thrown more than the lower limit of daily pitches, he/she cannot pitch the next calendar day-the player must have 2 nights rest. Upon achieving the maximum daily count, they must be removed from the pitching position. When the maximum limit is reached the pitcher may finish pitching to the existing batter and then must be removed from the pitching position.
- b) (**) Where a team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the lower limit during a game or in combination of one or more games, the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day.
- c) Violating the pitch count regulation will result in the offending team forfeiting the game. A second violation by a team will result in the manger/head coach's indefinite suspension (Rule P2-10m) OBA.





Other business:

Coaching change proposal for League play

Alan Murray has conversed with locals and reviewed the information regarding coach house league requirements for the item from the Nov 2022 AGM.

He has a proposal prepared, copy was sent to all BOD members for review.

Editor's note: friendly amendment to update OBA web address, motion carried to adopt.

2nd Co-President position has been filled

Alan Murray 2nd Co-President Jeff Squire 2nd Director

