



2012 Interlock Playing Rules

**York Simcoe Baseball Association
Toronto Baseball Association
Eastern Ont. Baseball Association**

1. All O.B.A. rules with the exception of the following, shall apply to all Tier 1 and Tier 2 games played at EOBA, TBA and YSBA parks.
2. Umpires
The Home association will be responsible for providing two (2) Baseball Ontario carded umpires for all games.
3. Designated Runner
Each team has the option to substitute a designated runner for the catcher, who is on base with 2 out. This option must be determined at **ground rules**. If using this option, the designated runner must be the last recorded out.
4. Mercy Rule
A game will be considered complete if either team is ahead:
 - 18 runs after 3 innings,
 - 15 runs after 4 innings,
 - 10 runs after 5 innings.
5. Call Ups
 - a) Teams may call up players from their Local's House League for any regular season game **ONLY**. Any player called up to play on a Rep team **MUST** be insured through their Local Association. **ONLY** a registered House League player who is eligible to be carded can be called up for regular season play.
 - b) Affiliate player eligibility rules, import rules, etc. apply
 - c) Players may only be called up as per OBA P1-5.
6. Lineups
All players and coaches must be listed on the Line up cards.
 - a) **Minor Rookie Ball to Rookie Ball** is full batting order.
 - b) **Minor Mosquito to Mosquito** is full batting order and unlimited substitutions allowed however pitching and catching rules remain in effect.
 - c) **Minor Peewee and Peewee** a coach has the option of:
 - i. Full batting order and unlimited substitutions allowed however pitching and catching rules remain in effect.
 - ii. Use of an EP
 - d) **Minor Bantam and Bantam** a coach has the option of:
 - i. Full batting order and unlimited substitutions
 - ii. 9 player line-up
 - iii. Use of an EP
 - e) **Minor Midget and Midget** a coach has the option of:
 - i. Line-up of 9 and the option to use a DH
 - ii. Full batting order and unlimited substitutions

The choice will be provided to the umpires at ground rules, and can not be changed during the course of the game.
7. Pitching
 - a) The Pitching Rules as defined in section P2.10 of the OBA Constitution shall be adhered to during regular season play. Any player moving up a series may only pitch the requisite number of pitches

based on that player's regular series of play. Rookie players moving up to play Minor Mosquito may not pitch.

- b) The home team shall appoint an official pitch counter for the game. This shall be the official count and coaches should check with the pitch counter.
 - c) Each coach shall keep a copy of the pitching records (score-sheets) for each game. The pitching records shall be brought to each game so that the opposing coach may verify the eligibility of a player to pitch.
 - d) Once a player has been removed from the pitcher's position, that player may not return to the pitching position later in the game.
8. Teams may start a game with minimum of 8 players and the ninth spot in the batting order shall be an automatic out, until the player arrives or until the completion of the game. If at any time during this game, the team starting with 8 players is reduced to 7 players the game will immediately end and is recorded as a forfeit with a score of 7-0.

NOTE: If a team starts a game with 9 or more players present and is reduced to 8 players (by ejection), the game will immediately end and is recorded as a forfeit with a score of 7-0.

9. **GAMES:**

- a) Minor Rookie to Pee Wee games will be scheduled for 7 innings.
An official game will be 4 innings, 3 ½ if the home team is ahead, if any game is suspended by umpires due to weather (i.e., rain, lightning) it will be replayed in its entirety unless declared an official game **OR** if there has been more than 75 minutes of actual game time.

- b) Minor Bantam to Midget teams will be:
 - **May – June 15th**, 7 Innings for all YSBA/TBA/EOBA
 - **June 16th - August**, 7 Innings for TBA, 9 Innings YSBA/EOBA

An official game will be 5 innings, 4 ½ if the home team is ahead, if any game is suspended by umpires due to weather (i.e., rain, lightning) it will be replayed in its entirety unless declared an official game **OR** if there has been more than **90** minutes of actual game time. In these situations the game will be considered complete.

NOTE: The total game time is accumulated, meaning the game time does not have to be continuous but it does not include time lost while a game is suspended.

- c) The umpires shall announce the time of the first pitch as informed and recorded by the official scorekeeper.
- d) Game Scheduled with No New Inning start times:
 - **Minor Rookie and Rookie Ball**, no new inning to start after **1:45** hours from the time of the first pitch
 - **Minor Mosquito and Peewee**, no new inning to start after **2:00** hours from the time of the first pitch.
 - **Minor Bantam to Midget**, no new inning to start after **2:30** hours from the time of the first pitch.
 - No Drop Dead Game (Coaches are to agree NNI with a 15 minute reduction of their posted NNI if there are restraints for the game/park). This is to be agreed to at ground rules.

NOTE: Any game times that will differ from the above due to Local Associations time-slots (only can be decreased not increased), shall be so designated and clearly defined in the schedules.

- e) All game start times shall be determined by the home team based on their park availability.
- f) When a game is tied at the end of regulation and curfew has not come into effect, the game shall go into extra innings until either a winner has been declared or curfew has been met. A started inning must be completed. If curfew has been met, the full inning completed and the game is still tied, it will be recorded as such.

NOTE: Extra innings shall be played by International Tie-Breaker Rules: Player with last recorded out from previous inning will start at 2nd base with one out recorded to start new inning.

- g) If a game is called due to Local diamond time restrictions prior to becoming an official game as per 9a) and 9b) above, it will be considered suspended and resumed from the point of delay (*official scorekeeper to record positions of players at time of suspension*). It will be completed prior to the next scheduled game between the teams or at a date set at the convenor discretion.
- h) Any YSBA/TBA/EOBA team that refuses to travel to a host centre to play a regular scheduled game would forfeit that game. Two points would be awarded to the non forfeiting team and the score shall be recorded as 7-0. This forfeited game will count as a game played towards TBA/EOBA 80% and YSBA 90% games played requirement.
- i) **Rainout Standard**
 - Each hosting team shall communicate with the opposing and visiting team in a reasonable time frame if the possibility of a rainout exists and/or they have been denied use of their diamond permit based on the condition of a playing field.
 - Reasonable shall be defined as "within 2.5 hours of the game starting time".
 - The host centre must use good judgment in forecasting weather when teams are travelling more than 1 hour to play.
 - Coaches shall use weather radar and local weather networks in their judgment.

10. **Regular Season Schedule Completion (Qualifying for Playoffs)**

- TBA Teams must complete 80% of their schedule to qualify for TBA Playoffs
- EOBA Teams must complete 80% of their schedule.
- YSBA Teams must complete 90% of their schedule to qualify for the YSBA Playoffs