

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-01

In P 2.10 add a new v) "The defensive team may intentionally walk a batter before or during an at bat by the manager / coach notifying the umpire. The umpire will call time and award the batter first base and advance any other runner(s) forced to advance by the batter being walked. Only pitches thrown will be added to the pitch count"

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-02

In P 7.3 v) add a new i. and renumber the remainder: i. teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers AND amend P 7.3 w) such that in the first sentence "...commence at ..." is replaced by "... **exclude** ..." and in the second sentence "... at ..." is replaced by "... **excluding** ..." such that P7.3 v) and w) reads:

P 7.3 v) In tournaments where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:

- i. teams with a forfeit loss are ineligible for tiebreakers**
- ii. head to head record among tied teams;
- iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
- iv. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
- v. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
- vi. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
- vii. coin toss

P 7.3 w) When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will **exclude** 7.3(v)(ii). After the winner of that tiebreaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, **excluding** 7.3(v)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at 7.3(v)(i).

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-03

In SECTION Q2.3 PLAYING RULES amend g) by adding "The game ends immediately after the deciding run scores, except for a home run out of the playing field or where additional runs are scored through the awarding of bases by rule in which case all runs are counted up to the 7 run inning maximum." such that Q2.3 g) reads:

Q2.3 g) All Rookie Ball baseball games shall be 7 innings or until a winner is declared. **The game ends immediately after the deciding run scores, except for a home run out of the playing field or where additional runs are scored through the awarding of bases by rule in which case all runs are counted up to the 7 run inning maximum.** Five innings shall constitute an official game except that a winner is declared and the game declared official at any point that the opposing team is unable to win or tie the game.

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-04

In SECTION P2.9 SUBSTITUTIONS

In b) Add the following “... **or pinch hitter** ...” after “A pinch runner ...” such that P2.9 b) reads:

P2.9 b) In Minor PeeWee, PeeWee, PeeWee Girls, Minor Bantam, Bantam, Bantam Girls, Minor Midget, Midget, and Women’s ball any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position. A pinch runner **or pinch hitter** may be inserted for a pitcher, who was listed in the starting batting order, and the pitcher may return to pitch under this re-entry rule only if the player is re-entered immediately as a pitcher when his/her team takes the field defensively.

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-05

In SECTION P7.3 OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Add a new o) re-lettering the remainder “The final score of any game ended by a game length rule will be the score at the time the game ends regardless of whether an inning was incomplete”

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-14

Amend P5.u) by deleting reference to mailing REP Playoff Convenor’s Reports to the tournament chair and adding “submitted electronically on the OBA website” such that P5 u) reads:

P5 u) The OBA REP Playoff Convenor’s Report and specified attachments must be submitted electronically on the OBA website within 10 days following the tournament.

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-15

Amend P. 6n) by deleting “(For Baseball Canada Championships, rosters for PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, and Junior are limited to 20 players. The Senior roster for Baseball Canada Championships may include 21 players)” such P. 6n) reads:

P.6n) 18 players are eligible to be included on Rep Elimination Tournament rosters for PeeWee, Bantam and Midget. For Junior and Senior rosters at Rep Elimination Tournaments 25 players will be allowed.

RULE CHANGE OBA Rules Committee 2018-16

Add a New P3 j) and renumber the remainder accordingly:

P 3j) Umpires returning after an absence of one or more years may contact the Baseball Ontario office to apply for recertification. Such application shall be reviewed by the Supervisor of Umpires, who shall consider factors such as previous level, years of certification, reason for the absence, and length of the absence in determining the new certification level for the returning umpire.

Rule Change OBA Risk Management 2018-01

Amend P2.5 c) by adding “(unless the presence of a manufacturer installed face guard (C-Flap) prevents the use of the chinstrap)” after “... helmets are mandatory ... “ such that P2.5 c) reads:

P2.5 c) The on deck batter, batter, base runners and batboy/batgirl must wear a prescribed protective helmet with flaps, covering both ears. This may not be changed except after the inning has been completed, or the player has been retired or has crossed home plate. In Rookie Ball, T-Ball, Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, PeeWee Girls, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee, helmet chinstraps are mandatory **(unless the presence of a manufacturer installed face guard (C-Flap) prevents the use of the chinstrap)** and will be worn as designed by the manufacturer. Senior aged players shall be permitted to wear either single ear or double ear-flapped helmets in Senior OBA play.

Rule Change OBA SENIOR AAA 2018-01

Add a new P2.8(h) and (i) as follows:

- h) Senior AAA teams are permitted to mutually affiliate themselves with any one Junior team within their Affiliated Association as long as their Local Association does not have a Junior team.
- i) If the Baseball Canada Junior Nationals are hosted by an Ontario team – the players on the Junior host team are only permitted to be called up to a Senior team during Eliminations as long as they are a member of the same local association.

Rule Change OBA SENIOR AAA 2018-02

Add a new P2.8(j) as follows:

- j) Senior AAA teams are permitted a maximum of 3 Junior or Midget-aged call-ups for Eliminations.

Rule Change OBA SENIOR AAA 2018-04

Add a new Appendix C as follows:

Following the Senior Elimination Tournament, the following procedure shall take place when two or more Ontario teams are representing the province at the Senior Men’s Nationals:

- o The Senior Series Chair shall conduct a National Player Draft no later than 72 hours following the completion of the Senior Elimination Tournament.
- o Players may not be contacted by any team prior to the National Player Draft.
- o No later than 24 hours prior to the draft, each team shall present a list of 15 potential players that they are interested in selecting as additional players to complement their National Championship roster.
- o The Senior Series Chair shall contact each player on the list to request the player’s availability to attend Nationals if they are selected to attend. No team shall contact the player prior to being drafted.
- o Prior to the National Player Draft, the Senior Series Chair shall present a list of the available players to the team.
- o There are no restrictions on players that can be selected to attend Nationals as a pick-up, players may be selected to attend Nationals with any representative team regardless of geographical location.



- A player may only attend Nationals with the team they are drafted to. If the player elects to not attend Nationals with that team, that player is ineligible to attend Nationals with another team. The National Player Draft shall follow the procedure outlined below:

ROUND 1

- Team Ontario 1 shall select the first two picks.
- Team Ontario 2 shall select the next two picks.
- Any subsequent team shall select their first two picks in order of how they finished at Eliminations.

ROUND 2

- Each team will then select 1 player in order of Elimination Round until no further picks are necessary.