

## **TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES**

1. **RULES:** The Ontario Baseball Association playing rules will apply for all games, except as indicated in the tournament playing rules.

**HOME TEAM:** the team of furthest origin shall call the “coin toss”. The winner shall then decide “HOME” or “VISITOR”. The “HOME” team will provide an official scorer for each game. PLEASE NOTE: Pitching stats must be turned in with the scoresheet!!!  
THE Semi Finals and Finals shall be decided by best record in the round robin. If tied then head to head and if still tied a coin toss as above.

**GAME LENGTH:** All games shall be seven (7) innings with a 1 hour and 45 minute inning curfew from the first pitch. PLEASE NOTE: The end of an inning starts a new inning re: curfew. Extra innings will only be played in the playoff rounds. No curfew in the playoff rounds.

**MERCY RULE:** Ten (10) run differential after Five (5) complete innings or any complete inning thereafter.

**TIE BREAKERS:** IF teams are tied the following will be used to determine who advances.  
First: Winner of head to head game will advance.  
Second: Smallest runs against ration (runs allowed/number of defensive innings played).  
Third: The highest runs for ration (runs scored/number of offensive innings played).  
Fourth: Coin Toss.

**Please note that run ratio are after 4 innings in order to avoid a team from running up the score.**

**PITCHING RULES:** Please read the O.B.A. PITCHING RULES. (P 2-10).  
This is a three day tournament unless it is disrupted by rain.  
You must know the pitcher limitations!! The managers must sign the Official score sheet after each game. This verifies the pitching records.

**CONTACT RULE:** Please be familiar with and review OBA rule (P2-13) with all your players and coaches. (See rule below for ejections).

**DISCIPLINE:** Coaches and managers will be responsible for the conduct of their “team members”, which includes players, parents, supporters and themselves at all times on or off the diamond, when at the park. OBA rule P2-4 “EJECTIONS” will be enforced for players and coaches, including managers. The umpire or convener has the right to ask any “team member” to leave the park in the case of a “gross misconduct”.

**UMPIRES:** The umpire’s decision is final. Any abuse of an umpire by ant “team member’ will not be tolerated.

**PROTESTS:** The tournament convener or his appointee will rule on any protest.

**ROSTERS:** We also require an approved OBA roster and sign in the teams prior to playing your first game. Please print off a sign in sheet off the Baseball Ontario WEB site and have your team complete it ahead of time. We also need the permission form from your affiliate.