

**Y.S.B.A.**

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1. All entries for teams to be entered in York Simcoe must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the Spring Registration Meeting.

## 2. Annual Fees

- a. There shall be an annual fee of **\$220.00** for each team entered in York Simcoe league play. This amount includes the OBA certificate tax. The fee is to be paid to the Treasurer no later than the Spring Registration Meeting. A team will not be allowed to participate in league play unless its entry fee has been paid in full. **These fees are to be reviewed and set annually by the Rep Committee no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**
- b. At the time of team registration, all teams are required to prepay the fees for the YSBA Championships and the Baseball Ontario (OBA) Provincial Qualifiers. The fees for YSBA Championships are \$175 for teams from Rookie Ball age to Pee Wee age and \$225 for Bantam age and up. The fees for Baseball Ontario Provincial Qualifiers are \$175 for teams from Rookie Ball age to Pee Wee age and \$225 for Bantam age and up. **These fees are to be reviewed and set annually by the Rep Committee no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

## 3. Affiliated Teams

- a. The fees for affiliated teams joining the YSBA will be \$105.00. Fees for Junior teams in EOBA interlock will be \$230.00. All teams released to play in other associations must pay an annual fee to York Simcoe of \$105.00 **plus any league registration fees. These fees are to be reviewed and set annually by the Rep Committee no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**
  - b. These fees are payable to the Treasurer no later than the Spring Registration Meeting.
4. The league season shall begin no earlier than the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May**.
5. The regular schedule shall be prepared at the Scheduling Meeting in April of each year, with the exception of the Juniors.
6. The number of league games in all divisions shall be no less than 15 or more than 26.

## 7. Umpires

- a. The home team will be responsible for providing two (2) Baseball Ontario carded umpires for all York Simcoe games.
- b. Umpires must be a minimum of 14 years of age and be as old as or older than the age of the players they are umpiring.
- c. In the event that carded umpires do not show up, the game may be rescheduled and replayed at the site of the visiting team within 3 weeks. The make up game associated costs (diamond and umpire costs) are to be borne by the offending Local Association. Any amounts not paid by the offending club will be deducted from their bond and forwarded. The offending club must pay these amounts back into the bond fund before they are eligible for the York Simcoe League Championships.

## **8. Games**

- a. Rookie, Mosquito and Pee Wee games will be scheduled for 7 innings.
  - b. Bantam, Midget and Junior teams will be scheduled for 9 innings.
  - c. All games should be scheduled with no new inning to start after 2 ½ hours from the time of the first pitch unless games are played on diamonds where a local curfew applies. All curfews must be so designated and clearly defined in the schedules and/or during ground rules.
9. As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, all night games shall begin at 6:45 p.m. As of August 15<sup>th</sup>, all night games shall begin at 6:30 p.m. These times do not apply where lights are available. Any team not prepared to play within 15 minutes of scheduled start time, forfeits the game.
10. In the event of bad weather, the visiting team should be advised a minimum of two hours before game time of cancellation, when feasible. Teams should use judgment based on travel time.
11. OBA rules shall apply.

## **12. York Simcoe League Championships**

- a. Championship match ups/seedings are determined by the Division's final standings during the Regular Season.
- b. The playoff format for all divisions will be a Double Knockout Tournament. All teams, regardless of Classification, will play in their respective divisional championships.
- c. All teams will play on Championship weekend.
- d. In league play, two points will be awarded for the win and one point for a tie. Final league standings shall be based upon the total number of points each team accumulates. It is the responsibility of the teams to make up postponed games by the final day for playing league games.

In case of a tie in the standings, the following tiebreakers will be used:

- i. Head to Head,
- ii. Most Wins,
- iii. Run Differential in games between the two teams,
- iv. Total Run Differential for the season,
- v. Most Runs Scored,
- vi. Least Runs Against,
- vii. Coin Toss.

## **13. YSBA Qualifiers to the Baseball Ontario Provincial Championships**

- a. Where a playoff is required to determine the York Simcoe representative in the Baseball Ontario Provincial Championships, a tournament will be held after the August Civic Holiday. The winner(s) of this tournament will be the York Simcoe Representative.
- b. The tournament structure and rules for all divisions shall follow approved Baseball Ontario (OBA) rules.

- c. The umpires shall be the responsibility of the host site and be coordinated with the York Simcoe Umpire-in-Chief.
- d. The host site shall provide baseballs.
- e. Where only two teams are involved in deciding who the representative of York Simcoe will be, a three game playoff will be held over a two-day period. A flip of a coin will decide the home team for the third game if necessary.

#### **14. Application for Tournament or Baseball Ontario Championship Hosting**

- a. Any Local wishing to host an OBA sanctioned tournament including OBA Championships must submit their application to the YSBA Secretary by no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the tournament is to be held. Applications coming in after this date, particularly for OBA Championships, will be reviewed after the on-time submissions.
- b. The YSBA Executive will review the applications and make recommendations on which Locals will be granted permission to host tournaments to ensure that there are no overlaps and Locals are not competing against one and another to host the same tournament.
- c. The YSBA Secretary **must** sign all tournament applications prior to these being submitted to the Baseball Ontario office.

#### **15. Field Conduct**

- a. Abusive language and arguing by players will not be tolerated. The first offence may lead to an automatic ejection from that game and the following league game.
- b. Abusive language or arguing on the part of the coach or manager may lead to an ejection from that game.
- c. Any coach or manager making remarks to the opposing ball players with the purpose of hindering their play shall be warned by the umpire and may be removed from the game. On the second offence, he will be removed from the game. A second expulsion shall lead to his suspension from YSBA for the rest of the year.
- d. Any coach or manager who is ejected from two ball games in the same season shall be suspended until his case is heard and ruled on by the Ethics Panel.
- e. All ejections must be reported by the umpire to the Umpire in Chief within twenty-four hours. This must be reported separately from the game sheet.
- f. **NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS:** Players and coaches in uniform must refrain from smoking or using tobacco products during all games in and around the ball diamond and umpires will be asked to enforce this rule.
- g. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by a manager or coach that leads to ejection from a game will be subject to further suspension upon review by the Ethics Panel.

- 16.** All Local Associations registered in the Y.S.B.A. will be required to pay an assuredly bond in the amount to be determined at the Annual Meeting each year. *Each Local Association will be required to pay \$50.00 for each new team over and above the previous year's teams. The maximum amount of the bond will be \$850.00. When a Local Association reaches the \$850.00 maximum no additional contributions are necessary whether or not the Local Association adds any new teams. The minimum amount of the bond shall be \$500.00. When the amount falls below the minimum of \$500.00 each local will pay \$50.00 per season until the minimum is reached, even if there are no new teams.* This bond to be held on account, to be utilized for the payment of fines, penalties, forfeitures and/or expenses due. Local Associations will replace any monies owed no later than the Spring Registration Meeting each year for said expenses.

## **17. Registrar**

- a. The registrar shall receive an honorarium annually, in the amount of \$500.00 per year plus approved expenses.
- b. The fee to be reviewed annually by the Executive Council.
- c. This amount is to be paid upon receipt of the registrar's report by the Treasurer.

## **18. Defaults**

- a. Any team that does not complete 90% of their YSBA scheduled games by **the Thursday prior to the commencement of the YSBA Championships**, may be disqualified from any further OBA play, including the OBA Provincial Championships. If there is only one team classified in a series, this rule will still apply.
- b. The teams must set a date for a rescheduled game involved and the convenor notified within 72 hours of the start time of the original schedule date. If the teams involved cannot agree on a date then the home team shall notify the convenor that shall set a date for the game, which will be binding on both teams.
- c. The Local Association Representative may appeal any default to the YSBA Executive.
- d. If a team knows in advance that it cannot field a team for a scheduled game, they must notify the other team and the convenor three calendar days prior to the game date. If the convenor is not satisfied with the reason specified for the postponement, they may order the game to be played as scheduled without appeal from either team.
- e. Failure to notify the convenor of changes to the schedule may result in both teams being charged with a default.
- f. If a team has less than nine players to start a game after the 15-minute grace period, they will be in default. This does not include injuries sustained during the game. Defaults will carry a \$100.00 fine. Fines must be paid prior to the YSBA Championships and the Baseball Ontario Provincial Qualifiers or a team will be suspended from any further league and OBA play.
- g. Any fines imposed by the OBA on a team for not participating in a Provincial Championship must be paid prior to the OBA General Meeting in November. If these fines are not paid by this time, their local association will be suspended by YSBA without appeal until such time as the fine is paid.

## **19. Refunds**

- a. Any team admitted to the YSBA to be placed on a schedule will only be entitled to a refund if the Division V.P. and Secretary/Treasurer are informed of their inability to participate, prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each playing year.
- b. The exception to the above ruling will be Junior teams whose refund date will be extended to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **20. Protests**

A protest must be made within forty-eight hours to the Secretary or the President. This protest is to be accompanied by a cheque in the amount of \$50.00, to be returned if the protest is upheld. The President and two other members of the Executive shall rule on the dispute. In the event that a town of any of the foregoing is involved, a neutral member of the Executive will replace him.

## **21. Scores and Standings**

- a. The Division Convenor shall be responsible for League Standings being issued on a timely basis.
- b. All game results must be submitted to the Division Convenor by **all teams** within 48 hours by telephone, mail, fax or e-mail. Notify the convenor in the event of a rainout or rescheduled game.

## **22. All Star Games**

All Star Games shall be provided for in all divisions if the Executive feels there is sufficient interest. The games will be held in July at sites to be determined by the Executive. The rules to be followed in choosing coaches and players will be determined by the Executive.

## **23. Player Eligibility**

- a. All players shall qualify for their respective teams as per OBA rules.
- b. YSBA has adopted the following Release Policy:  
Players residing within the YSBA boundaries may sign with any team within the YSBA boundaries. Once signed, they may not change teams during the current year.
- c. No player of Bantam age or lower may play more than one division above his age group.
- d. When an Area Association enters two or more teams in the same division, no player may play for more than one team. A player may be transferred to a second team of his association, but may not return to his original team after June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- e. A player who has played a minimum of 4 consecutive years in a Local Association program (House League/Select/Rep) other than the Local Association in which he/she resides may be "Grandfathered". The burden of justification will reside with the Local Association requesting the "Grandfathering" and will require that one of the following be provided to substantiate proof of past involvement: Registration Forms or Team Pictures. **N.B. Should the YSBA believe that any information has been falsely obtained or is inaccurate, permission to "Grandfather" a player will be denied.**
- f. All non-resident players are to be defined and shall be classified as "**Imports**" with no distinction being made between players who have been cut or released from their hometown team or who live in an area or town that does not provide Rep baseball at their age level or whose residence is in another Affiliated Association (e.g. TBA, COBA, EOBA, etc.).

- g. Team rosters may contain the following number of “Imports” by division to a maximum as indicated:

Rookie Ball – 2  
Minor Mosquito – 2  
Major Mosquito – 2  
Minor Pee Wee - 3  
Major Pee Wee – 3  
Minor Bantam – 4  
Major Bantam – 4  
Minor Midget – 5  
Major Midget – 5  
Junior – Unlimited

- h. All of the foregoing rules apply at the YSBA level. A Local Association may elect to further restrict imports within their own organization, but may not exceed those specified by YSBA.
- i. For the period, September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, players within the YSBA may tryout with any other YSBA team without the need for a formal Release or Letter of Permission from their Local Association. Players from outside the YSBA will still require a Formal Release or Letter of Permission from their Local Association.